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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON
2 JANUARY 30, 2007, BEGINS ON PAGE 180.]

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING IS
7 NOW IN SESSION. ASK EVERYONE TO COME TO ORDER. AND I'D LIKE
8 EVERYONE TO RISE FOR THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF
9 ALLEGIANCE. THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY PASTOR MICHAEL W.
10 EAGLE, SR., OF THE ST. MARK AME CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES AND THE
11 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY COLONEL JOSEPH SMITH, THE
12 DIRECTOR OF MILITARY AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS FOR THE COUNTY OF
13 LOS ANGELES.

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15 **PASTOR MICHAEL W. EAGLE, SR.:** HEADS BOWED, EYES CLOSED. WE
16 THANK YOU, LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY, THIS TIME AND THIS
17 HOUR. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACE, YOUR PEACE, MERCY SEEN AND
18 UNSEEN, BOTH ACKNOWLEDGED AND IGNORED, NEEDED AND UNHEEDED.
19 THANK YOU FOR COLLABORATION AND COMPROMISE, COMPLETENESS AND
20 FOLLOW. THROUGH. THANK YOU FOR PEACE AND TOLERANCE, PATIENCE,
21 CAMARADERIE AND UNDERSTANDING. I'M PRAYING FOR THOSE HERE WHO
22 SUPPLY INFORMATION AND NEWS TO THIS BOARD, I'M PRAYING FOR
23 THOSE HERE WHO DELIBERATE OVER AND AROUND THE NEWS AND
24 INFORMATION OF COMMITTEES AND FOR THOSE OF US WHO MUST BE
25 GOVERNED BY THE RESULTING RULES AND NEWS. BLESS THIS MEETING,



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1 PLEASE, THIS BOARD, THEIR FINDINGS, DISCUSSIONS, AGREEMENTS
2 AND DISAGREEMENTS, ADJOURNMENTS AND POSTPONEMENTS, REMINDING
3 US WE CAN ONLY DO BECAUSE YOU LET US. CONTINUE TO BLESS AND
4 GUIDE THIS CITY, STATE, OUR NATION AND NATIONS OF THE WORLD,
5 THIS ONE PLANET IN WHICH WE KNOW WE HAVE AS YOU EDIFY
6 YOURSELF. AMEN.

7

8 **COLONEL JOSEPH SMITH:** PLEASE PLACE YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART
9 AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR NATION'S FLAG.
10 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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14 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE REVEREND MICHAEL
15 W. EAGLE, SR. TO JOIN US HERE FOR THAT INSPIRATIONAL PRAYER
16 AND HE RECEIVED HIS CALLING INTO THE MINISTRY IN 1992. HE
17 COMPLETED THE AME CHURCH'S FIVE-YEAR MINISTERIAL REQUIREMENTS
18 WHILE EARNING A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN RELIGION AND WAS
19 ORDAINED AND ITINERATE ELDER AT THE 73RD SESSION OF SOUTHERN
20 CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF THE AME CHURCH IN 1997. IN NOVEMBER
21 2004, HE WAS ASKED TO SERVE AS INTERIM PASTOR FOR ST. MARK AME
22 CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES AND OFFERED THE SENIOR PASTORATE
23 POSITION AS HIS FIRST OFFICIAL CHARGE. HIS CURRENT COMMUNITY
24 INVOLVEMENT INCLUDES WORKING WITH THE CLERGY AND LEADERSHIP
25 TEAM OF THE COMMUNITY CALL TO ACTION COMMITTEE, THE FAITH



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1 COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE GENESIS CENTER ON DOMESTIC
2 VIOLENCE, THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD OF THE PALMS FACILITY
3 ON H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AND OBLITERATING VIOLENCE IN OUR
4 CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE
5 WITH US. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR
8 BURKE. SACHI, YOU CAN CALL THE AGENDA.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
11 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4, NOTICES OF
12 CLOSED SESSION. ON ITEM CS-1, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT
13 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 6TH, 2007.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
16 THE ORDER.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AN PAGE 8, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
19 HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOLINA MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.
22 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10.
25 ON ITEM NUMBER 5, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,



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1 SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM AND RELATED
2 PRESENTATIONS FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL
3 A.I.D.S. WALK BE TAKEN OFF CALENDAR.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
6 THE ORDER.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 6, THIS INCLUDES SUPERVISOR
9 ANTONOVICH'S RECOMMENDATION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
10 AGENDA.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NO OBJECTION TO MR.
13 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION. I'LL SECOND IT. WE HAVE THE ITEM AS
14 AMENDED. I'LL MOVE. MR. ANTONOVICH SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 8, AS INDICATED ON THE
17 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS
18 ITEM BE HEARD AT 12:00 P.M. THE REMAINING ARE BEFORE YOU.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MR. KNABE MOVES, MS.
21 BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THE REMAINDER.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 11
24 THROUGH 18. ON ITEM 11, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR
25 ANTONOVICH REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 14,



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1 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND,
2 ON ITEM NUMBER 18, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS
3 THAT THE WORDING, "EFFECTIVE UPON BOARD APPROVAL", BE DELETED
4 FROM THIS RECOMMENDATION. THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MS. BURKE MOVES, MR.
7 ANTONOVICH SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/ WEIGHTS AND
10 MEASURES, ITEM 19.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAN I JUST GO BACK TO ITEM 18 FOR
13 A SECOND? WHAT IS THE-- TAKING OUT THAT LANGUAGE...

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT'S AN ORDINANCE CHANGE AND IT REQUIRES
16 ADDITIONAL VOTES. THE LANGUAGE IS CONFUSING, SO WE'RE JUST
17 TAKING OUT THE "IMMEDIATELY" AND IT'LL COME BACK. YOU'RE GOING
18 AHEAD AND DOING IT BUT THERE'S A PROCESS.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, GOOD. OKAY. SO ITEM 19
21 IS BEFORE US?

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 19, IT'S BEFORE YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ANTONOVICH MOVES, KNABE
2 SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICE, ON ITEM 20,
5 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
6 ITEM.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEMS 21
11 THROUGH 23. ON ITEM 21, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
12 AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES REQUESTS
13 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 7TH-- OR 6TH,
14 EXCUSE ME, 2007. THE ITEM 22 AND 23 ARE BEFORE YOU.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MOLINA MOVES, KNABE
17 SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** COMMISSION FOR WOMEN, ITEM 24.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS.
22 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 25.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.

2 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORONER, ITEM 26.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS.

7 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEM 27.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS.

12 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEMS 28 AND 29. ON ITEM
15 28, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
16 ITEM. 29 IS BEFORE YOU.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS.

19 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 30 AND 31. ON ITEM
22 30, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
23 ITEM. 31 IS BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.

2 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PROBATION, ITEMS 32 AND 33.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.

7 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC DEFENDER, ITEM 34.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.

12 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC LIBRARY, ITEM 35.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.

17 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. ON ITEM 36,
20 SUPERVISOR BURKE AND SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM
21 BE HELD.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT WILL BE HELD.

24

25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 37 THROUGH 52.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS.
3 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 29, REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY
6 CLERK, ITEMS 53 AND 54.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.
9 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 55 THROUGH 59.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.
14 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEMS 60 AND
17 61.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOLINA MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS.
20 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 62
23 THROUGH 67. ON ITEM 63, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS
24 ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO FEBRUARY 13TH, 2007.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
2 THE ORDER.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 64 AND 66, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND
5 SUPERVISOR BURKE APPROVED THE SETTLEMENT BUT WOULD LIKE TO
6 CONTINUE THE CORRECTIVE ACTION FOUR WEEKS TO FEBRUARY 27TH,
7 2007.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN WILL BE
10 CONTINUED ON 64 AND 66.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SO ITEMS 62, 65 AND 66 ARE BEFORE YOU.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS.
15 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AND I'LL READ
18 THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS A ORDINANCE
19 AMENDING TITLE 4, REVENUE AND FINANCE OF THE LOS ANGELES
20 COUNTY CODE TO INCREASE THE DAILY FEES PAID TO GRAND JURORS
21 FROM \$25 TO \$60.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOLINA MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS.
24 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

25



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, CAN WE GO BACK TO ITEM 64 AND
2 66? THOSE WERE ALSO BEFORE YOU, JUST THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
3 WERE CONTINUED.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S CORRECT. I THOUGHT WE HAD
6 APPROVED THEM. OKAY, IF NOT, MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS,
7 UNANIMOUS VOTE ON 64 AND 66 ON THE SETTLEMENTS WITH THE
8 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS BEING CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 27TH.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 69 AND
11 70. ON ITEM 69, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A REPORT. ON ITEM 70,
12 MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AFTER TABULATING THE
13 BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY
14 PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED EXPANSION AND LEVYING OF
15 ASSESSMENTS FOR DRAINAGE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA NUMBER 24,
16 UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREA OF PLUM CANYON. AS A RESULT, IT
17 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO
18 EXPAND AND LEVY ASSESSMENTS.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I SO MOVE. SECONDED BY MR.
21 ANTONOVICH.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM 71, WE WILL HOLD THIS
24 FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON. WE SHOULD APPROVE ITEM
2 70, CORRECT?

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO MOVED BY MYSELF, SECONDED BY
7 ANTONOVICH. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. ITEM 71, WE'LL HOLD FOR THE PUBLIC
10 HEARING.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

13

14 **CLERK:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA REQUESTED BY
15 BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER WHICH WERE
16 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS
17 INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 72A.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE
20 SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
24 DISTRICT NUMBER 4.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
4 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE THIS MORNING TO
5 WELCOME MEMBERS FROM AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION AND THE LA
6 MIRADA GOLF COURSE. WE HAVE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, KEITH
7 BROWN; REGIONAL DIRECTOR, WARREN LEERY FROM AMERICAN GOLF AND
8 THEN, FROM LA MIRADA, WE HAVE THE GENERAL MANAGER, STEVE
9 VALOJOS, AND HIS TEAM. LA MIRADA HAS BEEN SELECTED AS OUR 2006
10 LOS ANGELES COUNTY GOLF COURSE OF THE YEAR. THIS MARKS THE
11 FIFTH TIME IN THE LAST SEVEN YEARS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN
12 SUCCESSFUL IN WINNING THIS VERY PRESTIGIOUS TITLE. AS YOU
13 KNOW, WE HAVE NUMEROUS GOLF COURSES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND
14 OVER 300 HOLES OF GOLF. PLAYING CONDITIONS, APPEARANCE,
15 QUALITY OF SERVICE PROVIDED AND THE OVERALL CONDITION OF THE
16 ENTIRE FACILITY ARE EVALUATED AT EACH COURSE. SO, ON BEHALF OF
17 MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO STEVE
18 AND HIS MANAGEMENT TEAM AND TO KEITH AND WARREN ON BEHALF OF
19 MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES RECOGNITION TO LA MIRADA GOLF COURSE
20 NUMBER FIVE OUT OF THE LAST SEVEN. CONGRATULATIONS. GOLF
21 COURSE OF THE YEAR. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SPEAKER:** I JUST WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, VERY
24 IMPORTANT AWARD FOR US. WE'RE VERY HAPPY TO BE PART OF THE
25 COUNTY GOLF SYSTEM. GOLF OPERATIONS, OUR PARTNERS OVER THERE,



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1 WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU ALSO FOR ALL THE THINGS YOU DO FOR US
2 AND WITH US. WE'RE VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE AND VERY HAPPY TO
3 ACCEPT THIS AWARD. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** RUSS GUINEY, OUR DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND REC? RUSS?

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7 **RUSS GUINEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
8 OPERATES THE LARGEST MUNICIPAL GOLF SYSTEM IN THE NATION. WE
9 HAVE 19 GOLF COURSES AT 17 LOCATIONS. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF LA
10 MIRADA. IT'S OUR SECOND BUSIEST GOLF COURSE. 117,000 ROUNDS
11 ARE PLAYED THERE EACH YEAR AND AMERICAN GOLF HAS BEEN OUR
12 OPERATOR SINCE 1982. THEY DO A TREMENDOUS JOB. THEY SET THE
13 STANDARD AND WE'RE VERY, VERY PROUD OF THEM AND PROUD OF THIS
14 GOLF COURSE AND I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO YOU A PLAQUE ON
15 BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** IN KEEPING WITH THE GOLF THEME, THIS PAST SUMMER,
18 THROUGHOUT OUR ENTIRE LOS ANGELES COUNTY, NUMEROUS GOLF
19 COURSES, WE CREATED FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME THE LOS ANGELES
20 COUNTY JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP AND THERE WERE OVER-- CLOSE TO
21 800 CONTESTANTS FOR OUR FIRST TIME. WE WERE REALLY PROUD OF
22 THAT, COUNTYWIDE, AT THE VARIOUS GOLF COURSES. THEY HAD
23 PLAYOFFS AND THEN THEY KEPT ELIMINATING DOWN UNTIL FINALLY WE
24 HAD THE CHAMPIONSHIP AT LOS VERDES COUNTRY CLUB, A COUNTY GOLF
25 COURSE DOWN IN THE RANCHO PALOS VERDES AREA. AND SO TODAY WE



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1 HAVE THE CHAMPIONS FROM THE VARIOUS AGE GROUPS HERE WITH US
2 TODAY AND ALSO WE HAVE MEMBERS FROM OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY
3 JUNIOR GOLF FOUNDATION AND THE PUBLIC LINKS GOLF ASSOCIATION
4 AND WE ALSO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM APB MANUFACTURING AND
5 ENGINEERING. AS I SAID, WE HAD NEARLY 800 KIDS PARTICIPATE IN
6 THE FIVE TOURNAMENTS AND A TOTAL OF 118 JUNIOR GOLFERS
7 QUALIFIED TO COMPETE THAT DAY AT OUR CHAMPIONSHIP. IT IS MY
8 HONOR NOW TO INTRODUCE TO YOU OUR 2006 LOS ANGELES COUNTY
9 PUBLIC LINKS GOLF ASSOCIATION JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONS. FIRST OF
10 ALL, FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE, FROM OUR GIRLS AGE 11 AND
11 UNDER, OUR WINNER, SHE HAD A PHENOMENAL RUN, I THINK-- I DON'T
12 KNOW IF SHE EVER LOST A MATCH OR ANYTHING BUT PLEASE WELCOME
13 ANNE CHENG. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** AND IN GIRLS-- SHE COULDN'T JOIN US TODAY BUT
16 GIRLS 15 TO 18, THE CHAMPION WAS AYANE ITAMURA FROM RANCHO
17 PALOS VERDES. BOYS 11 AND UNDER, THE CHAMPION IS TROY TONKHAM
18 FROM ARLETA. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. NEXT, BOYS AGE 12 TO 13 CHAMPION IS JAKE
21 KATZ FROM THOUSAND OAKS. [APPLAUSE]

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT, BOYS AGE 14 TO 15 CHAMPION IS BOBBY LANG
24 FROM SHERMAN OAKS. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** BOBBY SURVIVED. I WAS OUT THERE THAT DAY. HE HAD A
2 3-HOLE SUDDEN DEATH PLAYOFF AND CAME THROUGH WITH FLYING
3 COLORS. CONGRATULATIONS, BOB, IT WAS A GREAT MATCH. BOYS 16 TO
4 18, CURTIS KUIDA FROM REDONDO BEACH. CURTIS? [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. SO, AS I MENTIONED, THIS TOURNAMENT
7 WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF SOME GREAT
8 SPONSORS WHO HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN. AND FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO
9 THANK THE GOLF DIVISION OF OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARKS AND
10 RECREATION. THEY DID AN INCREDIBLE JOB AND WE'D LIKE TO THANK
11 THEM AND ALSO TO ACKNOWLEDGE A FEW OF THE MAJOR SPONSORS THAT
12 HELPED MAKE THIS A FIRST CLASS EVENT. I THINK THE KIDS WOULD
13 AGREE. THE FIRST GROUP TO SORT OF STEP UP TO THE TABLE TO
14 OFFER THEIR SUPPORT FOR THIS TOURNAMENT WAS PUB LINKS GOLF
15 ASSOCIATION AND WE'D LIKE TO THANK THEM TODAY FOR ALL THEY DO
16 ON AN ONGOING BASIS TO SUPPORT JUNIOR GOLF. WE HAVE
17 REPRESENTING THE PUB LINKS GOLF ASSOCIATION IS CRAIG KESSLER
18 AND A FEW OF HIS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SO CRAIG
19 AND FOLKS, IF YOU'D COME ON UP, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT YOU THIS
20 SCROLL AND SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS FOR A GREAT TOURNAMENT. [
21 APPLAUSE]

22

23 **CRAIG KESSLER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. I ATTENDED FIVE OF
24 THE SIX JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS WHICH WERE IN ALL THE DISTRICTS
25 IN L.A. COUNTY AND, AT EVERY ONE OF THEM, THE PARKS AND



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1 RECREATION DEPARTMENT TAGGED A LITTLE SIGN AND ON IT WAS OUR
2 ORGANIZATION'S LOGO AND THE LOGO OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION
3 DEPARTMENT AND THE L.A. COUNTY LOGO ON THE BOTTOM AND THE
4 WORDS, "PARTNERS IN GOLF". WE'RE TRULY PROUD TO BE PARTNERS
5 WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN BRINGING AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE
6 PUBLIC GOLF TO ALL THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
7 THERE'S NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAT OUR ORGANIZATION DOES, ALL
8 THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORTED THIS AND THAT THIS BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS HAS STOOD BEHIND FOR SO MANY YEARS THAN MAKING THE
10 GAME OF GOLF AFFORDABLE TO YOUNG PERSONS ALL OVER THE COUNTY
11 FROM EVERY SLICE OF LIFE, EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD AND EVERY
12 ECONOMIC GROUP. WE SHARE YOUR MISSION AND WE APPLAUD YOU AS
13 WELL. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. ALSO, ONE OF OUR MAJOR SPONSORS IN A
16 GROUP THAT HAS SORT OF CAME TOGETHER HERE A FEW YEARS AGO THAT
17 WE SET UP HERE AS A COUNTY IS OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY JUNIOR
18 GOLF FOUNDATION. THEY'VE WORKED TIRELESSLY IN FUNDRAISING
19 EFFORTS, BEING PART OF DIFFERENT TOURNAMENTS BUT THEIR SUPPORT
20 TO THIS TOURNAMENT WAS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL. WE HAVE PILLAR
21 HOYOIS HERE, WHO IS THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD, AND SOME OTHER
22 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT THEY
23 DO ON BEHALF OF JUNIOR GOLF HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
24 PILLAR, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **PILLAR HOYOIS:** SUPERVISORS, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS
2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONGRATULATE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO
3 PARTICIPATED IN THE TOURNAMENT. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WE
4 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE EVERYONE
5 THAT WAS INVOLVED IN THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM, THE GREAT COUNTY
6 STAFF THAT MAKES IT POSSIBLE BECAUSE THEY'RE REALLY THE HARD
7 WORKERS AND WE APPRECIATE THIS, IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS, AND
8 THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN MAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
9 US, AS VOLUNTEERS OF THE BOARD. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** FINALLY, WE HAVE FRANK AMADORE, JR., WHO IS THE
12 CEO OF APV MANUFACTURING AND ENGINEERING, WHO DONATED
13 THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP OUR HATS TO ALL
14 THE PARTICIPANTS IN ALL SIX TOURNAMENTS. SO, FRANK, WE WANT TO
15 SAY THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **FRANK AMADORE, JR.:** ON BEHALF OF APV MANUFACTURING AND
18 ENGINEERING, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT IT WAS A PRIVILEGE TO BE
19 ABLE TO HELP. I GREW UP IN L.A. COUNTY AND I FEEL VERY GOOD
20 THAT WE CAN HELP THE YOUTH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** ANYWAY, CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO OUR CHAMPIONS. WE
23 LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU BACK NEXT YEAR AND TO OUR SPONSORS,
24 A HEARTFELT THANKS FOR A GREAT TOURNAMENT. CONGRATULATIONS. [
25 APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU. MR.
3 ANTONOVICH.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE
6 FOLLOWING PRESENTATION AS WE RECOGNIZE THE INDIAN ASSOCIATION
7 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO HELP DEDICATE JANUARY 26TH, 2007, AS
8 INDIA REPUBLIC DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE
9 HAVE WITH US FROM THE ASSOCIATION MANY MEMBERS, INCLUDING MR.
10 ALANI ARJAN. JANUARY 26TH, BACK IN 1950, MARKS THE TRANSITION
11 OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO THE REPUBLIC FROM BRITISH
12 DOMINION AND HONORS THE SIGNING AND ADOPTION OF THE INDIAN
13 CONSTITUTION BY THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. TODAY, INDIA HAS A
14 POPULATION OF 1.1 BILLION PEOPLE. IT'S THE SECOND MOST
15 POPULACE NATION ON THE GLOBE AND A LEADER IN THE TECHNOLOGICAL
16 REVOLUTION. THEY MAINTAIN ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING ECONOMIES
17 AND MOST DIVERSE CULTURES IN THE WORLD. BACK ON JULY 18TH,
18 PRIME MINISTER MANAMOHAN SINGH AND PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH
19 DECLARED THEIR RESOLVE TO TRANSFORM THE RELATIONSHIP AND
20 IMPROVE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND
21 ESTABLISH A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP. AS LEADERS OF THE NATIONS
22 COMMITTED TO THE VALUES OF HUMAN FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY AND
23 RULE OF LAW, THE NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
24 AND INDIA PROMOTES STABILITY, DEMOCRACY, PROSPERITY AND PEACE.
25 THE PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND INDIA



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1 SHARE A COMMON FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL INTEREST IN BUSINESS,
2 EDUCATION AND THE SCIENCES. SO IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE AS WE
3 MAKE THIS PRESENTATION, A JOINT PRESENTATION WITH SUPERVISOR
4 KNABE AND MYSELF TODAY, AS WE DECLARE THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY OF
5 LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZING THE 57TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
6 CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND SUPERVISOR KNABE
7 WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MIKE. I JUST WOULD LIKE TO ADD,
10 OBVIOUSLY, WE KNOW OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIP AND
11 FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACT,
12 THE POSITIVE IMPACT RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SOMEONE
13 LIKE MIKE WHO REPRESENTS A VERY LARGE INDIAN CONSTITUENCY,
14 THROUGHOUT MY DISTRICT, IT'S MY PLEASURE AND HONOR TO BE ABLE
15 TO PARTICIPATE TODAY AS WE CELEBRATE THIS INDEPENDENCE.

16

17 **NALI NATRAGEN:** HI. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, SUPERVISORS AND
18 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS NALI NATRAGEN, I'M VICE
19 PRESIDENT PUBLICITY FOR INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES.
20 IT'S MY PLEASURE, HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE AND RECEIVE
21 THIS AWARD ON BEHALF OF INDIAN ASSOCIATION AND INDIAN
22 COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND MY FAMILY. I DID PH.D. IN
23 INDIA AND I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF SAN FERNANDO VALLEY FOR
24 THE PAST 20 YEARS AND I RUN A INDIAN CLASSICAL DANCE SCHOOL
25 THERE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH



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1 AND THE L.A. COUNTY TO RECOGNIZE JANUARY 26TH AS INDIA
2 REPUBLIC DAY THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY AND INVITING ME AND MY
3 FAMILY FOR THIS WONDERFUL EVENT. AND I WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS
4 OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A COUPLE OF REQUESTS. MY DREAM, AND I KNOW
5 EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE INDIANS' DREAM, TO HAVE INDIA
6 REPUBLIC DAY PARADE HERE IN L.A. AND I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST
7 THE SUPERVISORS TO GIVE US SOME GRANTS AND PERMISSION TO
8 ORGANIZE THE REPUBLIC DAY PARADE IN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND
9 EXPAND TO L.A. DOWNTOWN. AND MY SECOND REQUEST TO RECOGNIZE
10 THE OTHER RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL OF INDIA, DE PAULI AND INDIA
11 INDEPENDENCE DAY. I HOPE THE SUPERVISORS WILL CONSIDER THESE
12 REQUESTS. ONCE AGAIN, I THANK THE SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH,
13 AND THE L.A. COUNTY AND THE OTHER SUPERVISORS FOR THIS HONOR.
14 THANK YOU. <SPEAKING INDIAN> AND GOD BLESS AMERICA. THANK YOU.
15 [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS DON SAID, THIS IS A MAN WE LIKE TO SEE
18 WHEN WE'RE STANDING UP, NOT LYING DOWN, BECAUSE HE'S OUR
19 COUNTY CORONER. [LAUGHTER]

20

21 **DR. LAKSHMANAN SATHYAVAGISWARAN:** IT'S INDEED AN HONOR TO BE
22 HERE ON THIS DAY WHEN OUR SUPERVISORS ARE HONORING INDIA'S
23 PUBLIC DAY AND I'M OF INDIAN ORIGIN RESIDING IN AMERICA FOR
24 THE LAST 32 YEARS. THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN GREAT TO ME, THE



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1 SUPERVISORS HAVE BEEN GREAT TO ME AND I LOVE WORKING FOR THIS
2 COUNTRY AND THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **NALI NATRAGEN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE A GOOD
7 FRIEND, A MAN WHO HAS SERVED OUR COUNTY SO WELL OVER THE MANY,
8 MANY, MANY YEARS, ALSO A FORMER DEPUTY TO SUPERVISOR WARREN
9 DORN, AND THAT'S THE HONORABLE RAY BARTLETT, WHO IS GOING TO
10 BE RECOGNIZED FOR HIS 27 YEARS OF SERVICE AS MY APPOINTEE ON
11 THE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RELATIONS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
12 ANGELES. RAY IS A RESIDENT OF MONROVIA AND HE'S BEEN LONG
13 INVOLVED IN CIVIC GROUPS AND INTEGRATION. HE AND JACKIE
14 ROBINSON, HIS CLASSMATE GOING ALL THE WAY THROUGH SCHOOL AND
15 UNIVERSITY AND BEING ON THE SAME ATHLETIC TEAMS WERE
16 TRAILBLAZERS IN OPENING UP OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AMERICANS IN
17 THIS GREAT COUNTRY. WITH HIM IS MEMBERS FROM THE HUMAN
18 RELATIONS COMMISSION AND HIS SON, ROBERT BARTLETT, WHO SERVED
19 FOR MANY YEARS AS THE MAYOR OF THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF MONROVIA
20 AND, WHEN YOU GO ALONG THE FREEWAY, YOU'LL SEE THE SIGN THAT
21 SAYS, "ALL AMERICAN CITY" BECAUSE MONROVIA WAS RATED AS ALL
22 AMERICAN CITY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES AND FOR THE
23 QUALITY OF LIFE AND OPPORTUNITIES AND THE UPGRADES THAT THEY
24 WERE ABLE TO PUT MANY, MANY YEARS BEFORE OTHER CITIES WERE
25 ABLE TO GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER AND ARE STILL TRYING TO FOLLOW



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1 IN THOSE FOOTSTEPS THAT RAY'S SON, ROBERT, WAS ABLE TO LEAD AS
2 THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THAT CITY. AT THE AGE OF 19,
3 WHEN AFRICAN-AMERICANS WERE NOT ALLOWED MEMBERSHIP IN THE
4 PASADENA Y.M.C.A., RAY WAS A VOLUNTEER THERE, ONLY TO FIND
5 OUT, YEARS LATER, TO SERVE AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE Y.M.C.A. IN
6 PASADENA AND BEEN INVOLVED AS A VOLUNTEER IN THAT BODY FOR
7 OVER 59 YEARS, AS I SAID, SERVING AS THE PRESIDENT, MEMBER OF
8 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HIS OTHER COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS
9 INCLUDE MEMBERS IN HIS CHURCH, THE FIRST AME CHURCH OF
10 PASADENA, WHERE HE SERVES AS A SUNDAY SCHOOLTEACHER, TEACHER,
11 SUPERINTENDENT AND MEMBERSHIP ON THE TRUSTEES BOARD. ALSO A
12 MEMBER OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF PASADENA HAVING SERVED AS PAST
13 PRESIDENT. BACK IN 1939, WHILE ATTENDING PASADENA JUNIOR
14 COLLEGE, HE WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO WIN THE KIWANIS
15 AWARD GIVEN FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP, ATHLETICS AND
16 CITIZENSHIP. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE PASADENA CITY COLLEGE
17 FOUNDATION, THE U.C.L.A. JACKIE ROBINSON SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION
18 COMMITTEE, THE ALPHA PHI FRATERNITY, HOLDING THE OFFICE OF
19 PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY. AS A MILITARY MAN, HE
20 SERVED 35 YEARS HAVING SERVED IN WORLD WAR II, KOREAN WAR AND
21 THE BERLIN CRISIS WHERE HE WAS AWARDED THE ARMY ACHIEVEMENT
22 CERTIFICATE. HE AND JACKIE ROBINSON PLAYED, AS I SAID, AT PCC
23 AND U.C.L.A. HE PLAYED FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, BASEBALL. HE LED
24 THE TEAM IN HITTING AND HOME RUNS IN FOOTBALL. HE WAS A MEMBER
25 OF THE UNDEFEATED 1939 TEAM TO WIN THE PACIFIC COAST



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1 CONFERENCE AND THEN HE PLAYED PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL IN
2 HONOLULU IN 1941, PLAYING WHEN THEY WERE BOMBED AT THE
3 BEGINNING OF WORLD WAR II, WHEN JAPAN BOMBED PEARL HARBOR. AS
4 I SAID, HE SERVED FOR MANY YEARS AS A DEPUTY FOR SUPERVISOR
5 WARREN DORIN OF THE 5TH DISTRICT AND REMAINED FRIENDS
6 THROUGHOUT THEIR ENTIRE CAREER. HIS PRESENCE ON THE BOARD WILL
7 BE MISSED. WE KNOW THAT RAY IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO STAY
8 INVOLVED, HE'S GOING TO ENSURE THAT HIS SON, BOB, GETS IN
9 SHAPE LIKE HE'S IN SHAPE. [LAUGHTER]

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BOB ALSO SERVES AS MY ALTERNATE ON THE
12 METROLINK COMMISSION AND I MENTION THIS TO BOB ALL THE TIME
13 BUT IT'S A FAMILY JOKE. BUT WITH RAY TODAY IS MEMBERS FROM THE
14 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, ADRIAN DOVE, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT;
15 ROBIN TOMA, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; GRACE LOEWENBERG;
16 KATHY PHONE; DONNA BOJARSKI; GRAND MASTER TON SO CHUNG AND
17 VETA CAMILLA, ELEANOR MONTANO AND ALSO DELLA AND JOHN
18 PELLETIER AND YVONNE AND RUSSELL HAGEN AND ROCKY BARTLETT AND
19 FRANCIS DYER. SO, AT THIS TIME, RAY, FOR YOUR 27 YEARS OF
20 SERVICE, WE WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION AND WE'RE GOING
21 TO HAVE YOU SAY-- AND GLORIA MAE IS HERE. SO, RAY? SAY A FEW
22 WORDS OF WISDOM.

23

24 **RAY BARTLETT:** A FEW WORDS OF WISDOM. OKAY. MIKE, I-- EXCUSE
25 ME, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH...



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MIKE, JUST MIKE.

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4 **RAY BARTLETT:** I APPRECIATE THIS RECOGNITION. I'VE HAD A LOT OF
5 FUN AND A LOT OF FEELING OF HAVING DONE SOMETHING BY BEING ON
6 THE COMMISSION. I'M VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE THIS HONOR AND,
7 WITH MY SON'S HELP-- WHERE IS MY OTHER SON? IS HE HERE?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HERE, WHERE WE BELONG.

10

11 **RAY BARTLETT:** I APPRECIATE THIS EVEN MORE. SO THANK YOU AND
12 THE BOARD FOR ALL THESE FINE SIGNATURES AND I'M GOING TO
13 REALLY CHERISH THIS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SMALL AMOUNT OF
14 LIFE I GUESS I HAVE LEFT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU'RE GOING TO GO FOR A HUNDRED.

17

18 **RAY BARTLETT:** OH, OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **ROBERT BARTLETT:** MIKE, YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO GIVE A
21 POLITICIAN A MICROPHONE. [LAUGHTER]

22

23 **ROBERT BARTLETT:** BUT, SINCE I HAVE IT, I JUST WANT TO THANK
24 THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING MY DAD, ALL OF YOU, ZEV, YVONNE,
25 GLORIA, DON, YOU'RE ALL GREAT PEOPLE AND I REALLY APPRECIATE



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1 IT. MIKE, YOU'RE A NUMBER ONE FRIEND AND WE APPRECIATE ALL OF
2 YOUR SUPPORT THESE YEARS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **ROBIN TOMA:** I WANT TO ADD THE THANKS FROM THE COMMISSION TO
5 ALL THE SUPERVISORS AND TO PARTICULARLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
6 FOR THIS HONOR. RAY BARTLETT IS REALLY A SPECIAL MEMBER OF OUR
7 COMMISSION, NOT ONLY FOR HIS LONGEVITY, 27 YEARS, BUT FOR WHAT
8 HE HAS BEEN ON OUR COMMISSION. HIS DEDICATION COMES THROUGH
9 BECAUSE, NO MATTER WHAT, THROUGH THOSE MANY YEARS, HE HAS BEEN
10 AT THOSE MEETINGS, HE MAKES IT TO MEETINGS, HE'S THERE ON TIME
11 AND HE'S A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER, OFTEN URGING US TO MOVE AHEAD
12 WHEN THINGS GET SLOWED DOWN, SOMETHING THAT'S WELCOME, BUT,
13 MORE THAN THAT, IT'S NOT JUST HIS PRESENCE, WE KNOW HIS HEART
14 IS THERE. HE HAS LONG BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY,
15 HE NOT ONLY HAS FOUGHT MANY FIGHTS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION
16 THROUGHOUT HIS LIFETIME, SO WE KNOW HE FEELS IT IN HIS HEART,
17 BUT HE'S ALSO BEEN OUT THERE WORKING WITH FAIR HOUSING COUNSEL
18 TO OFFER TO SUPPORT OUR ACTIVITIES ANY WAY HE CAN AND WE KNOW
19 HE'S VERY THOUGHTFUL AND GENEROUS, PARTICULARLY THE STAFF
20 RECOGNIZES HOW OUTSTANDING HE IS AND ALWAYS RECOGNIZING THEIR
21 WORK AND DEDICATION. SO WE TRULY DO SAVOR THIS MOMENT AS A
22 CHANCE TO SAY TO RAY BARTLETT, WE LOVE YOU, WE'LL MISS YOU AND
23 YOU CAN STILL CHANGE YOUR MIND IF YOU'D LIKE AND STAY. [
24 LAUGHTER] [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. JUST AS AN INDICATION OF HOW STRONGLY ALL
2 OF US FEEL ABOUT COMMISSIONER BARTLETT, A MAJORITY OF THE
3 COMMISSION HAS SHOWED UP TODAY. THOSE PRESENT AND SEVERAL OF
4 THE PAST, LIKE KATY I SEE OUTSIDE, AND IT ISN'T OFTEN THAT
5 THERE'S SOMEBODY THAT HAS SERVED A COMMISSION FOR 27 YEARS AND
6 HAS MADE IT TO ALMOST ALL OF THE MEETINGS AND INSISTED THAT
7 THE AGENDA BE MOVED RAPIDLY AND DETERMINEDLY. SO IT'S WITH
8 GREAT RESPECT THAT WE JOIN TODAY IN CELEBRATING RAY BARTLETT,
9 OUR COMMISSIONER. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RAY'S SISTER IS HERE. COME ON UP. WE'LL DO
12 FAMILY PICTURE. COME ON. OKAY. BOTH SISTERS. COME ON. OKAY.
13 SHE'S COMING.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** DON'T GET UP. PLEASE DON'T GET UP.
16 CONGRATULATIONS. CONGRATULATIONS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE EIGHT-WEEK-OLD BOY,
19 CHOW/SHEPHERD MIX, NAMED FLUFFY. RAY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE
20 HIM WITH RETIREMENT? LITTLE FLUFFY? HUH? SO HE'S LOOKING FOR A
21 HOME. RAY BARTLETT WANTS HIM? BOB WANTS HIM? OKAY. IS THAT A
22 DEAL?

23

24 **ROBERT BARTLETT:** YEAH, IT'S A DEAL.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. DOES HE HAVE ANY MORE BROTHERS OR
2 SISTERS? OH, HE'S THE LAST ONE. AND BOB BARTLETT, FORMER MAYOR
3 OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, HAS JUST ADOPTED LITTLE FLUFFY. [
4 APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BOB KNOWS HOW TO UPSTAGE HIS DADDY. OKAY. SO
7 THIS IS LITTLE FLUFFY BARTLETT, WHO WILL BE GOING TO THE SAN
8 GABRIEL VALLEY. OKAY. OKAY. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SORRY. DIDN'T KNOW THE DOG
11 WAS THE LAST ONE. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. THIS MORNING, I'M TREMENDOUSLY HONORED
14 TO WELCOME TO THE BOARD MEETING BRIGADIER GENERAL ANGELA
15 SALINAS, THE FIRST LATINA TO ATTAIN THIS RANK IN THE UNITED
16 STATES MARINE CORPS. I THINK THAT DESERVES TREMENDOUS
17 APPLAUSE. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I CANNOT BELIEVE SHE'S AS SHORT AS I AM!
20 (LAUGHTER) IN AUGUST 2006, ANGELA SALINAS BECAME THE FIRST
21 HISPANIC FEMALE TO BECOME A UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS GENERAL
22 OFFICER AND THE SIXTH FEMALE IN THE MARINE CORPS TO REACH THE
23 RANK OF BRIGADIER GENERAL. ANGELA BEGAN HER CAREER IN THE
24 MARINE CORPS IN 1974 AND STEADILY ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS TO
25 ACHIEVE A REMARKABLE AND HISTORIC PROMOTION. SHE CURRENTLY



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1 COMMANDS THE MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT IN SAN DIEGO AND,
2 PRIOR TO THIS POSITION, SHE SERVED AS CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE
3 MARINE CORPS RECRUITING COMMAND IN VIRGINIA. HER NUMEROUS
4 OTHER DISTINGUISHED ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDE SERVICE IN SOUTH
5 CAROLINA, WASHINGTON, D.C. AND OKINAWA, JAPAN. ANGELA HOLDS A
6 MASTER'S DEGREE FROM THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE AND IS A GRADUATE
7 OF THE AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE SCHOOL, THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGES
8 COMMAND AND THE STAFF COLLEGE AND THE ARMY WAR COLLEGE AS
9 WELL. HER MANY DECORATIONS INCLUDE THE DEFENSE, A SUPERIOR
10 SERVICE MEDAL, THE LEGION OF MERIT, THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE
11 MEDAL WITH TWO GOLD STARS, THE NAVY MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION
12 MEDAL WITH GOLD STAR AND THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL AND THE
13 NAVY MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL WITH TWO GOLD STARS.
14 ANGELA IS AN EXTRAORDINARY ROLE MODEL. SHE CERTAINLY IS AN
15 INSPIRATION FOR MANY OF US AS WOMEN AND CERTAINLY, AS A
16 LATINA, WE'RE VERY PROUD TO HAVE HER HERE AND WE WANTED TO
17 CONGRATULATE HER FOR THIS UNBELIEVABLE HONOR AND CERTAINLY THE
18 INSPIRATION YOU PROVIDE TO ALL OF US. CONGRATULATIONS, ANGELA.
19 [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** BRIGADIER GENERAL, A FEW WORDS?

22

23 **BRIGADIER GENERAL ANGELA SALINAS:** WELL, SUPERVISOR MOLINA,
24 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WHAT A TREMENDOUS HONOR AND WHO BETTER TO
25 RECEIVE THIS TYPE OF RECOGNITION BUT FROM A TREMENDOUS



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1 TRAILBLAZER HERSELF, AND I AM VERY, VERY HONORED. LADIES AND
2 GENTLEMEN, ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, I
3 WOULD LIKE TO ALSO SAY A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO MY FAMILY AND
4 TO THE MARINE CORPS FOR HAVING GIVEN ME AN OPPORTUNITY BUT FOR
5 EVERY MAN AND WOMAN WHO WEARS A UNIFORM TODAY, WE THANK YOU,
6 THE PUBLIC, BECAUSE WE CAN'T DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO WITHOUT
7 YOUR TREMENDOUS SUPPORT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU SO
8 VERY MUCH. AND, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THANK YOU, YOU HONOR
9 ME AND MY FAMILY. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** MY NEXT PRESENTATION IS UNIQUELY SPECIAL. WHEN I
12 LEARNED OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY WOMAN, SHE RESIDES IN MY
13 DISTRICT, HER NAME IS PAULA SALGUERO, I KNEW IMMEDIATELY THAT
14 IT WAS FITTING FOR US TO PUBLICLY HONOR HER TODAY. TODAY IS
15 HER 100TH BIRTHDAY. WOULD YOU PLEASE JOIN ME IN RECOGNIZING
16 PAULA. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** MRS. SALGUERO, WELCOME TO OUR BOARD. COME ON UP.
19 WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN SINGING HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MISS SALGUERO?
20 HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU HAPPY BIRTHDAY
21 DEAR PAULA HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HER. WE LEARNED
24 ABOUT PAULA WHEN A LOCAL CURVES GYM IN HIGHLAND PARK REQUESTED
25 COUNTY RECOGNITION FOR THIS EXTRAORDINARY LADY. AT THE AGE OF



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1 98, PAULA AND HER 70-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, ANNA CORONADO, JOINED
2 CURVES AND BEGAN REGULAR WORKOUTS. SHE QUICKLY BECAME A SOURCE
3 OF JOY AND INSPIRATION... [LAUGHTER]

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** ...TO OTHER GYM MEMBERS THROUGH HER DEDICATION TO
6 FITNESS, HER KEEN SENSE OF HUMOR AND HER KIND NATURE. SHE
7 CURRENTLY GOES TO HER EXERCISE PROGRAMS THREE TIMES A WEEK
8 AND, TO DATE, PAULA AND ANNA HAVE ACHIEVED OVER A HUNDRED
9 WORKOUTS. PAULA'S STORY IS TRULY AMAZING. SHE WAS BORN A
10 HUNDRED YEARS AGO TODAY IN EL SALVADOR ON JANUARY 30TH, 1907.
11 SHE WORKED FOR MANY YEARS AS A DRESS DESIGNER AND DRESS MAKER
12 AND LATER OPENED A SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD MARKET. 26 YEARS AGO,
13 PAULA IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES AND, EIGHT YEARS AGO,
14 SHE PROUDLY BECAME A UNITED STATES CITIZEN. CONGRATULATIONS. [
15 APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** PAULA HAS TWO CHILDREN, OSCAR ROBERTO SALGUERO
18 AND HIS DAUGHTER, ANNA, AND THEIR TWO GRANDCHILDREN. WE'RE
19 VERY PROUD OF THEM AS WELL. WELL, WE'RE VERY PROUD TO HONOR
20 YOU, PAULA, CONGRATULATIONS. (SPEAKING SPANISH)

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22 **PAULA SALGUERO:** GRACIAS, POR FAVOR. <LAUGHTER>

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK EVERYBODY UNDERSTOOD THAT. YES, IF YOU'D
25 TO SHARE SOMETHING?



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2 **SPEAKER:** THE REASON SHE DOESN'T SPEAK MUCH IS THE REASON WHY
3 SHE'S A HUNDRED YEARS OLD. [LAUGHTER]

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** OBVIOUSLY, A HAPPY FAMILY. CONGRATULATIONS.
8 GRACIAS. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THOSE ARE ALL MY...

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THE KNIFE OR
11 THE CAKE THAT'S MORE DANGEROUS. SHE DIDN'T GET TO BE A HUNDRED
12 BY EATING CAKE LIKE THAT, I GUARANTEE YOU.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE MARINES HAD TO CARRY IT IN.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CONGRATULATIONS. SUPERVISOR BURKE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THANK YOU. BEFORE I BEGIN MY PRESENTATIONS,
19 I'D JUST LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE PRESENT TODAY 70 WOMEN
20 WHO ARE IN THE AUDIENCE AND THEY'RE FROM THE NEW IMAGES AND,
21 OF COURSE, WE ALWAYS SEE THE WILSON TWINS HERE AND THEY'RE
22 ALWAYS MAKING SURE THAT WE TAKE CARE OF THE HOMELESS. THESE
23 ARE 70 WOMEN FROM NEW IMAGE. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THEY'RE HERE TO THANK THE COUNTY OF LOS
2 ANGELES FOR FUNDING AND PROVIDING SERVICES TO HOMELESS WOMEN.
3 THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. [APPLAUSE]

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** WOULD THE DIRECTOR STAND UP? THE TWINS. ONE COMES,
6 ANOTHER ONE COMES. [APPLAUSE]

7
8 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD AMERICAN HEART
9 ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES CLAUDIA KELLER, EXECUTIVE
10 DIRECTOR, THOMAS A. PFEFFER, DR. THOMAS PFEFFER, BOARD
11 PRESIDENT, BOB LAURIE, BOARD MEMBER AND DORA ISALA GILL,
12 ADVOCACY DIRECTOR. WELL, UNFORTUNATELY, DISEASES OF THE HEART
13 ARE THE NATION'S LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AND STROKE AND THE
14 THIRD LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH. 53% OF ALL CARDIOVASCULAR
15 DISEASE DEATHS OCCUR IN FEMALES, AS COMPARED TO 47% IN MEN.
16 THIS YEAR, IT'S ESTIMATED THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COST OF
17 CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND STROKE IN THE U.S. WILL BE 431.8
18 BILLION. SO IT'S REALLY-- IT'S A MAJOR COST, IT'S A MAJOR
19 CONCERN AND I THINK ALL OF US KNOW PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD
20 UNTIMELY DEATHS AS A RESULT OF HEART DISEASE. GO RED FOR WOMEN
21 IS THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S NATIONAL CALL TO INCREASE
22 AWARENESS ABOUT HEART DISEASE, THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR
23 WOMEN, AND TO INSPIRE WOMEN TO TAKE CHARGE OF HEART HEALTH,
24 AND I KNOW I'VE COME OUT TO MANY OF YOUR EVENTS WHERE YOU GIVE
25 TESTING FOR WOMEN AND YOU GIVE EDUCATION AND ALSO THAT PEOPLE



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1 COME TOGETHER TO REALLY TALK ABOUT HOW THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
2 OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES OF HEART DISEASE AND I ENCOURAGE ALL
3 WOMEN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HEART DISEASE BY USING THE AMERICAN
4 HEART ASSOCIATION'S GO FOR RED WOMEN HEART CHECKUP AND TALKING
5 TO YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND, OF COURSE, I'M ALWAYS
6 PUSHING EVERYONE TO GO OUT AND TAKE THE TEST OUT AT HARBOR
7 THAT WE HAVE OF WHERE IT'S NOT-- IT'S VERY EASY, YOU DON'T
8 EVEN HAVE TO TAKE YOUR CLOTHES OFF BUT YOU CAN GO THROUGH
9 THERE AND GET THOSE TESTS AND GIVE YOURSELF A LOT OF
10 UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT YOUR CONDITION IS AND MOST OF THE TIME
11 YOU'RE TOTALLY HEALTHY BUT IT'S GOOD TO KNOW YOU'RE HEALTHY
12 AND IT TAKES JUST ABOUT 15 MINUTES. SO I ALWAYS ENCOURAGE
13 EVERYONE TO COME OUT TO HARBOR TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THOSE
14 TESTS. BUT, FOR WOMEN, IF YOU COME OUT TO SOME OF THESE
15 MEETINGS THAT THEY HAVE AND THEIR EVENTS, THEY'LL BE ABLE TO
16 GET TESTED AND IT CERTAINLY IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TODAY TO
17 PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2ND, 2007, AS WEAR RED DAY FOR WOMEN
18 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE, FOR SPEARHEADING THIS
21 EFFORT HERE AT THE COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR HAVING
22 US. YOU ALL LOOK VERY WELL RESTED TODAY AND PERHAPS AS A
23 RESULT OF A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP. I WANT TO REMIND ALL OF YOU
24 THAT YOUR HEARTS PULLED AN ALL NIGHTER FOR YOU, SO TAKE THAT
25 TO HEART. I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR BEING PART OF OUR



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1 COUNTYWIDE EFFORT TO RAISE AWARENESS. GO RED FOR WOMEN REMINDS
2 US ALL THAT HEART DISEASE IS THE NUMBER ONE KILLER OF
3 AMERICANS. MOST WOMEN DON'T REALIZE THAT MORE WOMEN HAVE DIED
4 EACH YEAR, ALMOST HALF A MILLION, MORE WOMEN DIE THAN MEN FROM
5 HEART DISEASE, SO THANK YOU AGAIN. GO RED FOR WOMEN, WEAR RED
6 AND PLEASE LOVE YOUR HEART, HAVE IT CHECKED OUT. IT'S REALLY
7 ONE OF THE FEW THINGS THAT YOU CAN'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT. THANK
8 YOU.

9

10 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** THE HEART ASSOCIATION DOES A WONDERFUL
11 JOB AND WHAT'S IMPORTANT ABOUT THIS STATISTICS IS THEY DON'T
12 HAVE TO BE THAT WAY. MOST OF THESE DEATHS FROM HEART DISEASE
13 ARE PREVENTABLE AND THAT'S WHY THEIR WORK IS SO IMPORTANT AND
14 THEY'RE SUCH A TRUSTED AND VALUED PARTNER. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO NOW CALL FORWARD ALAN LAWRENCE
17 SITOMER, CALIFORNIA TEACHER OF THE YEAR. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, ALAN LAWRENCE SITOMER HAS BEEN NAMED AS ONE
20 OF THE FIVE CALIFORNIA TEACHERS OF THE YEAR. HE TEACHES
21 ENGLISH, CREATIVE WRITING AND AVID FOR LYNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL,
22 AND IS ALSO A PROFESSOR IN THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION IN
23 LOYOLA, MARYMOUNT. HE HAS AUTHORED NUMEROUS YOUNG ADULT NOVELS
24 THAT INCLUDE THE HOOPSTER, HIP-HOP HIGH SCHOOL AND HOME BOYS,
25 AN URBAN TRILOGY IN ADDITION TO HIP-HOP POETRY AND THE



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1 CLASSICS OF TEXTS THAT'S USED IN CLASSROOMS ACROSS THE UNITED
2 STATES. HE BELIEVES THAT EQUITY IN EDUCATION IS ONE OF THE
3 BIGGEST ISSUES FACING PUBLIC SCHOOLS. HE'S QUOTED AS SAYING
4 MORALLY, ETHICALLY AND PRAGMATICALLY, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT,
5 WHEN SOME STUDENTS ARE OFFERED TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM,
6 FIELD TRIPS AND A RICH ACADEMIC CURRICULUM, AND OTHER STUDENTS
7 IN THE SAME CITY BUT A FEW MILES AWAY ARE FORCED TO NEGOTIATE
8 IMPACTED CLASSROOMS, TEXTBOOKS RIDDLED WITH GRAFFITI AND
9 CHRONIC VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS, PUPILS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE
10 EDUCATION FENCE AND SOCIETY AT LARGE WILL ULTIMATELY LOSE. AND
11 IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO ALAN
12 SITOMER IN RECOGNITION OF BEING NAMED CALIFORNIA TEACHER OF
13 THE YEAR FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE YOUTH OF LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** AND TELL US HOW YOU TEACH AT THE UNIVERSITY AND
17 ALSO IN LYNWOOD.

18

19 **ALAN LAWRENCE SITOMER:** EXCELLENT. WELL, FIRST OF ALL, THANK
20 YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME JUST START BY SAYING THIS-- IF IT
21 WEREN'T FOR MY KIDS, I WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY. AND THE TRUTH
22 IS THAT THE STUDENTS OF LOS ANGELES, PARTICULARLY IN TITLE ONE
23 SCHOOLS LIKE THE ONES WHERE I TEACH, ARE DOING SOME
24 SPECTACULAR THINGS THAT ARE NOT SORT OF GETTING THE
25 RECOGNITION THEY DESERVE. AND OUR KIDS, IF WE RAISE THE



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1 EXPECTATIONS AND WE CHALLENGE THEM AND WE REALLY ASK THEM TO
2 REACH DEEP AND WE GIVE THE BEST THAT WE HAVE TO OFFER THEM,
3 THEY ARE GOING TO DO SOME ASTOUNDING THINGS, JUST SPECTACULAR
4 THINGS BUT WE HAVE TO BELIEVE IN THEM. WE HAVE TO SUPPORT
5 THEM. WE HAVE TO REALIZE THAT EDUCATION, IT'S THE LIFE RAFT IN
6 AMERICA BY WHICH YOU CAN HOIST YOURSELF UP AND WE HAVE TO
7 CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS. AND I'M SO HONORED TO BE HERE
8 TODAY TO REPRESENT OUR TEACHERS IN CALIFORNIA, UP AND DOWN THE
9 STATE, BECAUSE SO MANY OF THEM ARE WORKING SO HARD TO MAKE A
10 DIFFERENCE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS RECOGNITION. [
11 APPLAUSE]

12

13 **DARLENE ROBLES:** THANK YOU, MRS. BURKE. I ALSO WANT TO
14 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WITH US, REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
15 OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, IS DR. TURENTYNE FROM OUR
16 BOARD OF EDUCATION. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. AND I JUST WANT
17 TO ADD, AGAIN, MY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALAN. HE TRULY REPRESENTS
18 THE BEST IN ALL OF US, IN ALL OUR TEACHERS BUT I HAVE TO JUST
19 SHARE WITH YOU, IN LOOKING AT A VIDEO OF THE STUDENTS AND HOW
20 THEY DESCRIBED HIM, THEY SAID, WITHOUT ALAN, THEY NEVER COULD
21 HAVE TOUCHED THE HOPE AND THE TALENT THAT THEY HAD IN THEM AND
22 HE HAS TOUCHED THE CHILDREN AT LYNWOOD SO DEEPLY THAT THEY
23 HAVE NOW DESIRED TO GO ON AND BE TEACHERS, BECOME POLITICIANS,
24 BECOME ATTORNEYS, BECAUSE HE SAW SOMETHING IN THEM THAT
25 SOMEBODY ELSE HADN'T. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU, ALAN, FOR



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1 TOUCHING THE HOPE IN EVERY ONE OF YOUR STUDENTS AND ALL THE
2 STUDENTS AT LYNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK
3 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'D LIKE TO ASK MARCIA MAYEDA TO
6 COME FORWARD FOR A BRIEF PRESENTATION. THIS IS NATIONAL
7 PREVENT A LITTER MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES OR THIS
8 COMING MONTH WILL BE IF WE APPROVE THIS PROCLAMATION, WHICH I
9 SUSPECT WE WILL, AND SO WE'VE ASKED MARCIA MAYEDA, THE GENERAL
10 MANAGER OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL, TO ACCEPT THIS
11 PROCLAMATION. NATIONAL PREVENT A LITTER MONTH WILL BE
12 CELEBRATED DURING FEBRUARY. THE 6 ANIMAL SHELTERS WITH THE LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL HAVE
14 JOINED THE NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION DESIGNED TO RAISE AWARENESS
15 OF THE MANY UNWANTED PUPPIES AND KITTENS THAT ARE THE RESULT
16 OF ACCIDENTAL OR UNPLANNED BREEDING ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.
17 SPAY AND NEUTERING PROVIDES MANY BEHAVIORAL AND MEDICAL
18 BENEFITS. THESE DOGS AND CATS ARE LESS LIKELY TO HAVE
19 AGGRESSION PROBLEMS AND ROAM FAR AWAY FROM HOME AND ARE LESS
20 LIKELY TO BE LOST, HIT BY A CAR, INJURED IN A FIGHT OR ABUSED.
21 SPAYING AND NEUTERING ALSO DECREASES THE RISK OF CERTAIN TYPES
22 OF REPRODUCTIVE ORGAN CANCERS. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
23 DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, IN COORDINATION WITH
24 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, PASSED AN ORDINANCE THAT REQUIRES
25 ALL RESIDENTS OF UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN THE COUNTY TO HAVE



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1 THEIR DOG SPAYED OR NEUTERED, AS WELL AS TO HAVE AN
2 IDENTIFICATION MICROCHIP IMPLANTED IN EACH DOG TO HELP SOLVE
3 THE PROBLEM OF PET OVERPOPULATION. THE BOARD WANTS TO RESOLVE
4 THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZED FEBRUARY 27TH--
5 FEBRUARY 2007 AS NATIONAL PREVENT A LITTER MONTH AND
6 ENCOURAGES ALL ANIMAL OWNERS TO SPAY AND NEUTER THEIR PETS,
7 SIGNED BY ALL FIVE OF US. AND, MARCIA, IF YOU'LL ACCEPT THIS
8 ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND SAY A FEW WORDS, WE'D APPRECIATE
9 IT.

10

11 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND THANK YOU TO THE
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF SPAYING
13 AND NEUTERING FOR OUR PETS. SPAYING AND NEUTERING IS THE
14 SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT WE, AS PET OWNERS, CAN DO TO
15 REDUCE THE NUMBERS OF UNWANTED ANIMALS IN OUR COMMUNITY. OF
16 COURSE, THIS WILL MEAN FEWER ANIMALS COMING INTO ANIMAL
17 SHELTERS, FEWER ANIMALS RUNNING THE STREETS AND INCREASED
18 PUBLIC SAFETY. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PASSED GROUNDBREAKING
19 LEGISLATION LAST YEAR TO REQUIRE THE SPAYING AND NEUTERING OF
20 DOGS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THIS HAS STARTED A TREND
21 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FOR OTHER LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO ADOPT
22 SIMILAR MEASURES TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM IN OUR COMMUNITIES
23 AND I ENCOURAGE ANYBODY WHO IS INTERESTED IN HAVING THEIR PETS
24 SPAYED OR NEUTERED TO PLEASE CONTACT OUR DEPARTMENT WHERE
25 THERE ARE MANY LOW COST PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE TO BE



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1 ABLE TO AFFORD THE SURGERY AND WE REALLY ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY
2 TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THOSE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MARCIA, AND THANK YOU
5 FOR GREAT PROFESSIONALISM WITH WHICH YOU HELPED GET THAT
6 ORDINANCE ON SPAYING AND NEUTERING APPROVED LAST YEAR. IT WAS
7 VERY DIFFICULT, VERY CONTENTIOUS, BUT YOU DIDN'T GIVE UP. ALL
8 RIGHT. GET MY ACT TOGETHER HERE. WE'RE READY FOR THE AGENDA,
9 CORRECT? WE'RE DONE WITH OUR PRESENTATIONS?

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GREAT. FIRST UP IS SUPERVISOR
14 KNABE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD
17 MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MR. FELIPE ARIAS, FATHER OF
18 CAO EMPLOYEE, LISETTE MARACOWA, PASSED AWAY THIS PAST FRIDAY.
19 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, EUDOMILIA, DAUGHTERS, LISETTE,
20 SORAYA AND ROSSANA, SONS MIGUEL, HERMAN AND 19 GRANDCHILDREN.
21 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SKIP RATHBUN. HE GRADUATED
22 FROM WILSON HIGH SCHOOL IN LONG BEACH AND GRADUATED FROM
23 U.C.L.A. HE LOVED HIS WORK IN THE DEFENSE INDUSTRY. HE RETIRED
24 AND MOVED BACK EAST AND STARTED A NEW COMPANY. HE WAS KNOWN BY
25 MANY, LOVED BY ALL AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. HE IS SURVIVED



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1 BY HIS WIFE OF 25 YEARS, ALEXIS, THREE SISTERS, ELIZABETH,
2 PATRICIA AND BEVERLY AND MANY FAMILY MEMBERS. ALSO THAT WE
3 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARY TATREAU, A DANCER, LONG BEACH
4 RESTAURATEUR AND MOTHER OF EIGHT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
5 94. HER FAMILY MOVED TO LONG BEACH IN 1919 AND OPENED A
6 GROCERY STORE ON THE WEST SIDE. SHE GRADUATED WITH THE FIRST
7 CLASS OF WILSON HIGH SCHOOL IN LONG BEACH IN 1929. AFTER HIGH
8 SCHOOL, SHE WAS A DANCER AND CHORUS GIRL FOR CLAYTON "PEG LEG"
9 BATES. SHE MEET THEATRE MANAGER AND FUTURE HUSBAND, TATE
10 TATREAU. THEY OPENED TATREAUS' RESTAURANT ON EAST 7TH IN LONG
11 BEACH. SHE ALSO WENT ON TO MANAGE SEVERAL OTHER RESTAURANTS IN
12 LONG BEACH. SHE WAS ALWAYS WILLING TO FEED ANYONE IN NEED. SHE
13 IS SURVIVED BY HER EIGHT CHILDREN AND 23 GRANDCHILDREN AND 29
14 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN AND SHE IS THE MOTHER OF PROBABLY SOME OF
15 YOU KNOW, JIM TATREAU, WITH L.A.P.D.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD LIKE TO BE A SECOND ON
18 THAT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DEL
21 WALKER, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. AGAIN, HE WAS AN
22 INCREDIBLE FORCE IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH WHERE HE WAS A
23 STUDENT ATHLETE AT WILSON. HE WAS A COACH AT POLY HIGH SCHOOL,
24 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, LONG BEACH CITY, AND GOLF COACH AT LONG
25 BEACH STATE. HIS GOLF CAREER STARTED IN 1932 AND HE WAS



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1 INVOLVED WITH VIRGINIA COUNTRY CLUB, WHERE HE WON NINE TITLES.
2 THEY HAVE A DRIVING RANGE NAMED AFTER HIM. HE WAS VOTED GOLFER
3 OF THE CENTURY IN LONG BEACH AND WAS THE FIRST INDUCTEE INTO
4 THE GOLF HALL OF FAME. HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND
5 COMMUNITY OF LONG BEACH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON, JIM, AND
6 EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN, AND THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MR.
7 CHAIRMAN.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO, I GUESS, DUE TO A SCHEDULE ISSUE WITH
12 OUR DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM 30,
13 PLEASE. IT WAS HELD BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM 30. DR. CLAVREUL.
16 IS DR. CLAVREUL HERE?

17

18 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ALSO SIGNED UP ON NUMBER 20,
21 SO IF YOU'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THAT ONE, TOO, YOU'RE WELCOME TO
22 DO THAT..

23

24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** SORRY?

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ALSO SIGNED UP FOR ITEM NUMBER
2 20, SO IF YOU WANT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON BOTH OF
3 THEM, THAT'S OKAY, SAVE YOU THE TRIP. WE'LL GIVE YOU SOME
4 EXTRA TIME SO YOU CAN SPEAK ON BOTH OF THEM.

5

6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** OKAY. ON ITEM 20, I AM CONCERNED THAT,
7 IN THAT SPECIFIC ITEM, FIRST OF ALL, THIS IS AN INCREASE OF \$4
8 MILLION, AGAIN GOING BACK THAT, YOU KNOW, INITIALLY, WELL, YOU
9 KNOW, THAT SAYS THE SITUATION WELL ENOUGH. THAT'S A HUGE
10 INCREASE, 4 MILLION ON A CONTRACT IS IMPRESSIVE BUT WHAT'S
11 EVEN MORE CONCERNING IS THAT THEY CAN INCREASE WORK ORDERS UP
12 TO \$300,000 WITHOUT EVEN COMING BACK TO THE BOARD. CHANGING
13 THE APPROVAL LIMIT FROM 100,000 TO 300,000, THAT'S OF GREAT
14 CONCERN. ALSO, IN DECEMBER, I REQUESTED TO RECEIVE A COPY OF
15 ALL INFORMATION ON THE CONTRACT. I HAVE ONLY RECEIVED A SMALL
16 PORTION OF THAT AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT COMPLETE AMOUNT OF
17 ALL THE CONTRACTS DONE. ON ITEM 36, IT'S, AGAIN, WE ARE
18 TALKING ABOUT THE CONTRACT, WHICH WILL GO FAR BEYOND THE 7.5
19 CONTRACT TIME. THIS ITEM BRINGS THE POSSIBILITY OF THIS
20 CONTRACT TO BE GOOD FROM 1995 TO 2012 WITHOUT ANY, YOU KNOW,
21 REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL. I DON'T THINK THAT'S VERY WISE. ALSO,
22 ON THIS ONE, WE HAVE AN INCREASE OF-- THE EXECUTION OF THE
23 AMENDMENT WILL INCREASE THAT CONTRACT SOME BY A MAXIMUM OF 108
24 MILLION. THAT'S A PRETTY HUGE INCREASE AGAIN, YOU KNOW. I
25 THINK WHEN, YOU KNOW, WHEN A LOT OF THESE CONTRACTS ARE



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1 WRITTEN, I THINK THEY ARE WRITTEN TO GET THEIR FOOT IN THE
2 DOOR AND, AFTER THAT, IT'S VERY EASY TO EXPAND. I MEAN, WE'RE
3 GOING FROM 232 MILLION AND WE CAN INCREASE IT BY AN ADDITIONAL
4 108 MILLION. I THINK AN OVERSIGHT IS REALLY NEEDED ON THOSE
5 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONTRACTS AND, LIKE I SAID, I WOULD
6 LIKE TO HAVE THE FULL DOCUMENT FOR THE FIVE YEARS I REQUESTED.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. KNABE?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 30 IS BEFORE US.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I JUST-- TWO THINGS AS RELATED TO ITEM 30. I
15 DID NOT HOLD IT AND I DON'T KNOW IF THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
16 SERVICES HAD ANYTHING TO OFFER. I KNOW THAT HE WANTED IT
17 CALLED UP BUT, IF NOT, I WOULD MOVE THE ITEM.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S MOVED. SECONDED BY
20 MR. ANTONOVICH. IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? IF NOT,
21 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. THEN I'D CALL UP ITEM 36. SUPERVISOR BURKE
24 AND I HELD THAT ITEM.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE, WE ALSO HEARD ON ITEM
2 20, SO IF YOU DON'T MIND, YOU'LL MOVE 20? AND I'LL SECOND IT.
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. WHAT ITEM DID YOU JUST
4 CALL?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** 36.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 36.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** BACK ON ITEM 20, JUST A QUESTION. WE DID RAISE
11 THAT AMOUNT WITHOUT COMING BACK TO THE BOARD BUT THAT'S A ONE-
12 TIME EXPENDITURE, THAT'S NOT A CUMULATIVE KIND OF THING, IS
13 THAT CORRECT? IT COULDN'T BE BROKEN UP INTO PIECES, IS THAT
14 CORRECT?

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YOU'RE JUST INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT
17 AVAILABLE FOR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO DRAW DOWN ON.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO
20 BE HEARD, DON. WHAT'S YOUR PLEASURE? FIRST HEAR FROM THE
21 PUBLIC?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** YES.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME ASK FRANK
2 TAMBORELLO, SUSAN POUR-SANAE, AND RYAN BRADLEY. MR.
3 TAMBORELLO, YOU'RE ON FIRST.

4
5 **FRANK TAMBORELLO:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. I'M FRANK
6 TAMBORELLO OF HUNGER ACTION LOS ANGELES AND WE'RE A COMMUNITY
7 ORGANIZATION WORKING WITH LOW INCOME PEOPLE ALL OVER L.A.
8 COUNTY AND WE SUPPORT THE COUNTY MOTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT
9 WITH UNISYS WHILE PREPARING AN R.F.P. FOR THE NEXT SYSTEM. WE
10 WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY VERY MUCH FOR THE LEADER STAKEHOLDER
11 PROCESS, IN WHICH WE PARTICIPATED, ALONG WITH THE UNION AND
12 SEVERAL OTHER GROUPS FOR A YEAR AND A HALF AND ALSO TO THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES FOR FACILITATING THE
14 GROUP AND LISTENING TO OUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE
15 LEADER SYSTEM. WE REPRESENT A LOT OF CLIENTS WHOSE BENEFITS
16 HAVE BEEN TERMINATED IN ERROR AND, IN THE PROCESS, WE WERE
17 BROUGHT TOGETHER WITH WORKERS AND THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS
18 WHO WERE EQUALLY FRUSTRATED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO SERVE THE
19 PUBLIC BY THE COMPLICATIONS OF THE VERY CUMBERSOME SYSTEM,
20 WHICH IS PROBABLY SOMETIMES UNAVOIDABLE IN SERVING A
21 POPULATION WE HAVE IN L.A. COUNTY, WHICH IS THE SIZE OF MANY
22 STATES WHEN IT COMES TO PUBLIC SERVICES. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT
23 SEEN THE R.F.P. THAT'S CURRENTLY BEING CREATED, WE'RE
24 CONFIDENT THAT OUR RECOMMENDATIONS INVOLVING REDESIGN HAVE
25 BEEN INCLUDED IN THAT R.F.P. THROUGH CONTINUATION OF THE



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1 LEADER STAKEHOLDER GROUP, WE HOPE TO BE APPRAISED OF ANY
2 VENDORS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BIDDING, AS WELL AS OTHER
3 GENERAL INFORMATION, EVEN AS WE WORK ON ISSUES THAT WE CAN
4 CORRECT CURRENTLY IN THE SYSTEM OF LEADER. ONE THING WE WOULD
5 LIKE TO SEE ADDRESSED IS THE FACT THAT UNISYS WOULD SEEM TO
6 HAVE AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE IN THE PROCESS DUE TO THE PROPRIETARY
7 NATURE OF THE SOFTWARE. I KNOW THAT'S BEEN ADDRESSED TO SOME
8 EXTENT BUT IT COULD CREATE A LOT OF PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE,
9 GIVEN THAT THE PROBLEMS WE'VE HAD WITH UNISYS OVER THE PAST 10
10 YEARS. I ALSO WANTED THE COUNTY TO BE AWARE THAT WE'VE BEEN
11 HEARING FROM OTHER COUNTIES THAT HAVE INSTITUTED THE SYSTEM
12 CALLED CAL WIND AND PEOPLE IN THOSE COUNTIES ARE HAVING THE
13 VERY SIMILAR PROBLEMS TO WHAT WE'VE HAD IN LEADER, PEOPLE
14 GETTING CONTRADICTIONARY NOTICES ON THE SAME DAY SAYING THAT--
15 ONE SAYING THEY'RE APPROVED FOR BENEFITS, ONE SAYING THEY'RE
16 DENIED FOR BENEFITS AND SIMILAR PROBLEMS. SO, AGAIN, WE
17 SUPPORT THE BOARD MOTION AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE LEADER
18 STAKEHOLDER GROUP AND, THROUGH THAT CONTINUATION, JUST IN CASE
19 PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING, THE LEADER
20 STAKEHOLDER GROUP, WE'VE BEEN ADDRESSING PROBLEMS THAT HAVE
21 VERY REAL CONSEQUENCES FOR PEOPLE WHEN IT COMES TO TIMELY AND
22 CORRECT RECEIPT OF THEIR BENEFITS NEEDED BY OVER A MILLION
23 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY FOR THEIR FOOD, THEIR RENT AND THEIR
24 HEALTHCARE. THANKS VERY MUCH.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUZAN?

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3 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SUZAN
4 POUR-SANAE. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 660 AND WE
5 ARE ALSO A MEMBER OF THE LEADER STAKEHOLDER GROUP AND I--
6 FIRST OF ALL, I JUST WANTED TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR
7 SUPPORT OF THE LEADER STAKEHOLDER GROUP IN CREATING IT. IT HAS
8 BEEN AN ENORMOUSLY BENEFICIAL EXPERIENCE AND PROCESS FOR ALL
9 OF US. IT HAS ALLOWED US TO FACILITATE A PROCESS WHERE WE CAN
10 VASTLY IMPROVE THIS SYSTEM FOR THE CLIENTS AND FOR THE USERS
11 OF THE SYSTEM SO THEY CAN BETTER SERVE THE CLIENTS OF LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY. AND I WANTED TO ALSO THANK THE DEPARTMENT FOR
13 MAKING IT SUCH A PRODUCTIVE PROCESS. THEY HAVE REALLY ALLOWED
14 US TO WORK TOGETHER AND WE'VE COLLABORATED IN A WAY THAT HAS
15 REALLY SUPPORTED A REDESIGN OF A SYSTEM THAT WILL BE VASTLY
16 IMPROVED IN TERMS OF THE ABILITY TO NAVIGATE VARIOUS SCREENS
17 AND FUNCTIONS THAT FACILITATE ELIGIBILITY AND THE
18 ADMINISTRATION OF VARIOUS PROGRAMS WITHIN THE WELFARE SYSTEM.
19 I'D ALSO LIKE TO URGE ALL OF YOU TO SUPPORT THE MOTION PUT
20 FORTH BY SUPERVISOR BURKE AND SUPERVISOR KNABE. THEY BOTH HAVE
21 DEMONSTRATED ENORMOUS LEADERSHIP BY PUTTING FORTH THIS MOTION
22 AND ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR BURKE, WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU. FROM
23 THE BEGINNING, YOU HAVE BEEN A LEADER IN LEADER AND HAVE
24 REALLY SHOWN THAT-- THAT THIS-- THIS SYSTEM IS SO CENTRAL TO
25 THE WORK THAT OUR D.P.S.S. EMPLOYEES DO AND THE CLIENTS ON THE



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1 RECEIVING END REALLY ARE IMPACTED BY ALL OF THE CHANGES THAT
2 ARE BEING MADE AND THIS MOTION SPEAKS TO SO MANY ISSUES THAT
3 ARE GOING TO HELP US BETTER SERVE THE CLIENTS OF LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY. THERE ARE ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES THAT, IN THE MOTION,
5 THAT ARTICULATED WHERE QUANTIFICATION OF THE PROGRESS ON THE
6 PORTABILITY OF DATA WILL BE ENSURED SO THAT YOU, AS THE
7 SUPERVISORS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THIS COUNTY, CAN ENSURE
8 THAT THAT PROCESS IS GOING FORTH IN AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE
9 MANNER. IT ALSO SPEAKS TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE LEADER
10 STAKEHOLDER GROUP AND OUR ROLE IN THE CONVERSION PROCESS AND
11 THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS, AS WELL AS THE R.F.P. PROCUREMENT
12 PROCESS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED COLLABORATION WITH
13 YOU, THE SUPERVISORS, AND D.P.S.S. AS WE MOVE FORTH IN
14 BRINGING A NEW SYSTEM INTO PLACE THAT WILL BE AN EVEN BETTER
15 SYSTEM FOR ALL OF THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND WE
16 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. BRADLEY.

19

20 **RYAN BRADLEY:** YES. I AM RYAN BRADLEY, I'M AN ATTORNEY WITH
21 LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
22 THE BOARD FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU. I AM ALSO
23 SPEAKING TO SHOW MY SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF THE LEADER
24 STAKEHOLDERS GROUP. IT HAS ALLOWED THE THREE PARTIES WHO ARE
25 MOST INTIMATE WITH THE LEADER PROGRAM'S FOIBLES TO MEET



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1 TOGETHER OFTEN AND OFTEN BE ABLE TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS THAT WE
2 ARE NORMALLY FIGHTING OVER. AND I FEEL LIKE WE'VE REALLY BUILT
3 A LOT OF REALLY GOOD RELATIONSHIPS. I KNOW I, AS AN ATTORNEY,
4 AM OFTEN VIEWED SOMETIMES THE D.P.S.S. AS AN ENEMY OR AS AN
5 OPPONENT AND I'VE FOUND THEM TO BE VERY COLLEGIAL AND VERY
6 HELPFUL IN ADDRESSING OUR CONCERNS. I CAME-- I DID WANT TO
7 POINT OUT, THOUGH, I CAME OF AGE AS AN ATTORNEY IN THE AGE OF
8 LEADER, MY VERY FIRST CLIENT HAD SIX NOTICES, ALL CHARGING
9 OVERPAYMENTS, ALL DIFFERENT AMOUNTS AND ALL OF THEM INCORRECT.
10 AND WHAT I WAS TOLD AT THAT POINT, THAT WAS 2001, WAS, BY THE
11 D.P.S.S. WORKER, "THE SYSTEM JUST WON'T DO WHAT I WANT
12 IT TO DO. I KNOW YOU'RE RIGHT, I'LL TRY TO FIX IT BUT THE
13 SYSTEM ISN'T DOING WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO DO." NOW, SINCE THEN,
14 THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LEADER SYSTEM BUT,
15 RECENTLY, WE MADE A PROPOSAL THAT THE COUNTY D.P.S.S. AGREED
16 ON TO CHANGE THE SYSTEM. THEY WORKED ON IT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS
17 AND FINALLY CAME BACK TO US AND SAID, "WE AGREE WITH YOU, THIS
18 IS THE BEST-- THE PRACTICE THAT YOU ARE SUGGESTING IS THE BEST
19 POSSIBLE PRACTICE BUT LEADER JUST WON'T LET US DO IT." SO I
20 WOULD URGE YOU TO KEEP THAT IN MIND, THAT, WHEN YOU CHOOSE
21 YOUR NEXT SYSTEM, THAT IT BE A SYSTEM THAT WORKS FOR THE
22 PEOPLE RATHER THAN IT BEING A SYSTEM THAT MAKES DEMANDS ON
23 POLICY AND REFUSES TO ALLOW US TO IMPLEMENT SOME OF OUR BEST
24 IDEAS. AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. BRADLEY. THANK YOU.
2 PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. MR. KNABE?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL...

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** CAN WE TALK-- HAVE RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES, OF COURSE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT AS WELL.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES, PLEASE
13 COME FORWARD.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. I ALSO, I JUST-- WHILE THEY'RE LEAVING,
16 THOUGH, I WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE STAKEHOLDER GROUP
17 AGAIN FOR ALL THEIR WORK ON BEHALF OF TRYING TO MAKE SOME
18 SENSE OUT OF THIS MESS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO ALSO JOIN IN THANKING THE TASK FORCE
21 AND THE STAKEHOLDERS FOR ALL THEIR WORK AND THE ATTENTION
22 THEY'VE GIVEN TO THIS. THIS IS A VERY COMPLEX SITUATION, A
23 COMPLEX ISSUE. I KNOW IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO REALLY
24 GET MY HANDS AROUND IT. I HOPE THAT I UNDERSTAND IT NOW. I'M



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1 REALLY-- I DO HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. WHEN DO YOU SEE THE NEW
2 R.F.P. GOING OUT? WHAT IS THE NEW TIME FRAME?

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4 **LISA NUNEZ:** SUPERVISORS, MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M
5 LISA NUNEZ, THE CHIEF DEPUTY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
6 SOCIAL SERVICES. WITH ME, I HAVE MIKE SYLVESTER, THE ASSISTANT
7 DIRECTOR OVER THE BUREAU SERVICES AND GREG MELENDEZ FROM THE
8 CIO'S OFFICE. WE EXPECT THE R.F.P. FOR THE NEW LEADER SYSTEM
9 TO BE RELEASED IN JULY THIS YEAR.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, IT'S BEEN UNCLEAR TO
12 ME IF IT'S GOING OUT. SO IT WILL BE GOING OUT IN JULY? YOU
13 HAVE STARTED PREPARING IT?

14

15 **LISA NUNEZ:** ABSOLUTELY.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** AND YOU FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE THAT IT WILL BE
18 GOING OUT AND WHAT TIME FRAME FOR A RESPONSE?

19

20 **LISA NUNEZ:** WE HAVE ASKED OR WE ARE ASKING THAT THE PROPOSERS
21 RESPOND BACK IN FOUR MONTHS.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** SO, BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, WE SHOULD HAVE SOME
24 RESPONSE AND SOME IDEA OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE PROPOSING AND



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1 MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE WILL NOT-- IN THIS PROPOSAL,
2 THERE WILL NOT BE A MAINFRAME THAT IS PART OF THAT PROPOSAL?

3

4 **LISA NUNEZ:** SUPERVISORS, WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR ARE SERVICES,
5 VENDORS OR PROPOSERS WOULD BID BACK THE EQUIPMENT, THE
6 MAINFRAME EQUIPMENT, THE CENTRAL EQUIPMENT THAT IT WILL TAKE
7 TO SUPPORT THE SERVICES THAT WE'RE ASKING FOR AND THE
8 REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THAT R.F.P.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** SO THEY WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER IT OR NOT IT WOULD
11 BE WEB BASED OR MAINFRAME BASED?

12

13 **LISA NUNEZ:** IT WILL BE WEB BASED BECAUSE THAT'S THE COUNTY
14 STANDARD BUT THEY WILL PROPOSE THE TYPE OF HARDWARE AT THE
15 CENTRAL SITE, THE MAINFRAME...

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** THEY'LL PROPOSE THE TYPE OF HARDWARE?

18

19 **LISA NUNEZ:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS
22 THAT OUR DEPARTMENT HEAD, MR. YOKOMIZO, AND I BELIEVE YOU'RE
23 ALSO RETIRING?

24

25 **LISA NUNEZ:** YES, MA'AM.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** WHO IS GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE MOVING FORWARD? AND
3 WILL YOU BE HERE IN JULY?

4

5 **LISA NUNEZ:** NO, I WON'T. NO, I'LL BE GONE NEXT MONTH.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE CONSISTENCY IN
8 TERMS OF PEOPLE WHO WILL BE FOLLOWING THIS AS WE GO FORWARD?

9

10 **LISA NUNEZ:** OKAY, WELL, WE BROUGHT MIKE SYLVESTER ON FROM
11 RIVERSIDE COUNTY. HE WAS THE I.T. PERSON, THE CIO FOR
12 RIVERSIDE COUNTY WHEN WE BROUGHT HIM IN, SO HE CAME IN WITH
13 SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE FROM THAT COUNTY AND CERTAINLY WITH HIS
14 OWN EXPERIENCE WITH THEIR LEADER-LIKE SYSTEM. AND SO MIKE HAS
15 BEEN HERE FOR NEARLY A YEAR. HE WILL HAVE THAT EXPERIENCE,
16 ALONG WITH THE CIO'S OFFICE, WITH JON FULLINWIDER AND HIS
17 GROUP.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** WILL HE BE THE PROJECT MANAGER FROM THE COUNTY?

20

21 **LISA NUNEZ:** HE IS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE I.T. PROJECT,
22 YES.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WILL HE BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAILY OPERATION
25 OF THE EXISTING LEADER SYSTEM?



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2 **LISA NUNEZ:** SUPERVISOR, THERE WILL BE A PROJECT MANAGER
3 DIRECTLY REPORTING TO HIM BUT HE WILL HAVE ULTIMATE
4 RESPONSIBILITY.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** HAS THAT PERSON BEEN IDENTIFIED YET?

7

8 **LISA NUNEZ:** NO, SUPERVISOR, NOT YET.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** WHEN WILL WE HAVE SOME IDEA OF WHO THAT WILL BE?

11

12 **LISA NUNEZ:** IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WANT TO GET SOME
15 CLARIFICATION ON IS THAT THERE'S A 10-DAY CANCELLATION PERIOD
16 IN THIS RENEWAL, IN THIS EXTENSION, IS THAT CORRECT?

17

18 **LISA NUNEZ:** THERE'S A 10-DAY NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF
19 CONVENIENCE, YES.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** TERMINATION OF CONVENIENCE. ORDINARILY, IT'S A 30-
22 DAY EXTENSION. IS A COUNTY COUNSEL-- I'D LIKE TO FIND OUT, IS
23 THE COUNTY COUNSEL ABSOLUTELY SATISFIED WITH THIS? THAT
24 THERE'S NOT-- THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE A SOURCE OF, IN THE



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1 EVENT THAT THIS IS EXERCISED, THAT WE DON'T HAVE A LONG
2 LAWSUIT ON IT?

3

4 **DONOVAN MAIN:** LET ME HAVE MR. CASH ADDRESS THAT.

5

6 **MR. CASH:** SUPERVISORS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE CONTRACT, AS
7 APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD IN SEPTEMBER OF 1995, HAD PARAGRAPH 35,
8 WHICH IS THE TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE LANGUAGE. IT WAS A
9 10-DAY NOTICE OF TERMINATION FOR THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY CAN
10 TERMINATE ON 10 DAYS' NOTICE. NOW, OBVIOUSLY, GIVEN THE SCALE
11 OF THIS SYSTEM, IT'S UNLIKELY WE WOULD EVER HAVE A 10-DAY
12 NOTICE GIVEN TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT FOR OUR CONVENIENCE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** SO THAT-- BUT DO YOU FEEL THAT THIS IS LEGALLY
15 BINDING SO THAT WE WOULD HAVE NOT HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH IT IF
16 SOMETHING OCCURRED THAT WOULD HAD TO DO THAT?

17

18 **MR. CASH:** NO, THERE'D BE ABSOLUTELY NO PROBLEM. THIS PARAGRAPH
19 35 HAS NOT BEEN AMENDED IN THIS AMENDMENT. IT STANDS WITH THE
20 10-DAY NOTICE OF TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE AT THE COUNTY'S
21 OPTION. AND THAT HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE 1995 WHEN YOU APPROVED
22 THE ORIGINAL...

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** IT WAS IN THE OTHER ONE? IT'S BEEN IN THERE ALL
25 ALONG?



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2 **MR. CASH:** YES, IT WAS IN THE CONTRACT, AS I SAID, IN SEPTEMBER
3 OF 1995 WHEN THE BOARD APPROVED THE BASE AGREEMENT, AND THIS
4 IS AMENDMENT 12 OF THE BASE AGREEMENT.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** THIS IS THE TWELFTH AMENDMENT?

7

8 **MR. CASH :** YES.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THERE'S NEVER BEEN ANY QUESTION RAISED ABOUT
11 THAT?

12

13 **MR. CASH:** NOT THAT I CAN RECALL AT ALL.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** WE HAVE TWO COUNTY CONSORTIUMS. WE HAVE CAL WIN
16 AND C4, AND THEY'RE PAYING FOR SIMILAR EQUIPMENT, JUST AS IN
17 THIS CONTRACT, IS THAT CORRECT?

18

19 **MR. CASH:** I'M NOT THAT FAMILIAR. I DO KNOW THAT THE STATE OF
20 CALIFORNIA IS DIVIDED INTO VARIOUS CONSORTIUMS FOR SAWS
21 PURPOSES. L.A. COUNTY HAS ITS OWN SAWS CONSORTIUM WHICH IS THE
22 LEADER SYSTEM AND THEN THE OTHER COUNTIES ARE DIVIDED INTO THE
23 OTHER TWO, CAL WIN AND C-4.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, AS...



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2 **LISA NUNEZ:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR, THERE ARE TWO OTHER
3 SYSTEMS THAT ARE LEADER LIKE, CAL WIN AND C-4, YES. CAL WIN IS
4 THE LARGER OF THE TWO. THEY'RE ABOUT 38% OF THE COUNTIES AND--
5 THAT HAVE 38% OF THE COUNTY'S-- THE STATE'S CASELOAD AND C-4
6 HAS ABOUT 11% OF THE STATE'S CASELOAD.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** AND SO WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE IS CONSISTENT WITH
9 THE INDUSTRY STANDARD, IS THAT IT?

10

11 **LISA NUNEZ:** WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE IS RELEASING AN R.F.P. WHICH
12 IS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT'S DONE IN THE PAST, YES, SUPERVISOR.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT, THESE
15 EXTENSIONS, THIS IS CONSISTENT ALSO?

16

17 **LISA NUNEZ:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** AND PART OF THAT CONTRACT, "CHANGES IN TERMS OF
20 FEDERAL LAW". HOW WILL THAT HAPPEN BETWEEN NOW AND WHILE THE
21 EXTENSION IS GOING ON?

22

23 **LISA NUNEZ:** IF THERE ARE ANY REGULATORY CHANGES, EITHER
24 FEDERAL, STATE OR COUNTY CHANGES, THEN THEY'RE DONE THROUGH--
25 COMPLETED THROUGH M & E, MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT HOURS,



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1 WHICH ARE PAID RIGHT NOW AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$123 AND THAT'S
2 CONSISTENT WITH OTHER COUNTIES.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** SO THAT-- ARE ALL OF THE CHANGES THAT THAT ARE
5 CURRENTLY PROPOSED, ARE ALL OF THOSE COVERED BY THIS EXTENSION
6 AS IT'S PRESENTLY PROVIDED?

7

8 **LISA NUNEZ:** SUPERVISOR, WE'RE NOT...

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** MAYBE MR. SYLVESTER SHOULD ANSWER THIS BECAUSE
11 HE'S THE ONE THAT'S GOING TO HAVE TO ANSWER AFTER. [LIGHT
12 LAUGHTER]

13

14 **MIKE SYLVESTER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
15 THE CHANGES THAT ARE REGULATORY IN NATURE THAT COME DOWN TO
16 US, MAINTENANCE ENHANCEMENT HOURS THAT ARE BAKED INTO THIS
17 CONTRACT ARE DESIGNED TO HANDLE THOSE CHANGES. HOWEVER, THE
18 STATE DOES AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DO APPROVE ADDITIONAL
19 FUNDING IF THOSE CHANGES ARE SO SUBSTANTIAL IN NATURE THAT
20 THEY EXCEED WHAT OUR CURRENT ALLOCATIONS ARE GIVEN TO MEET.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** SO WE WOULD BE REIMBURSED BY THE FEDERAL
23 GOVERNMENT FOR ANY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES?

24



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1 **MIKE SYLVESTER:** IF IT GOES OUTSIDE OF OUR M & E HOURS, WE
2 WOULD BE SET UP WITH A SEPARATE SET OF FUNDING FROM THE STATE
3 AND FEDS FOR THAT PURPOSE AND IT HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S ALL THE QUESTIONS I HAVE.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, OBVIOUSLY, I CONTINUE TO BE GREATLY
10 CONCERNED ABOUT THIS EXTENSION, I MEAN, AND CONCERNED THAT WE
11 CONTINUE NOT TO REALLY GET BACK ANY VIABLE OPTIONS. AND, I
12 MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, OUR BACKS ARE AGAINST THE WALL, THEY CONTINUE
13 TO BE, BUT WE HAVE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT ALL THOSE FOLKS THAT
14 ARE ON AID AND OUR EMPLOYEES AND EVERYTHING ELSE AND,
15 OBVIOUSLY, THE-- I'M SURE THE CONTRACTORS ARE AWARE OF THAT AS
16 WELL. ARE WE STILL INVESTING HEAVILY IN UPGRADING AND
17 REPLACING THEIR MAIN FRAMES AND CENTRAL SITES TO KEEP THE
18 CURRENT SYSTEM FROM BREAKING DOWN?

19

20 **MR. CASH:** UNDER THE PROPOSAL THAT IS IN FRONT OF YOU, YES, WE
21 ARE. WE ACTUALLY EXPLORED SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES WITH UNISYS TO
22 LOWER THE COST TO IMPROVE THE TERMS FOR THE COUNTY, ONE OF
23 WHICH WAS ADDRESSED WITH YOUR BOARD OFFICES, WAS TAKING
24 POTENTIAL RESOURCES OFFSHORE, WHETHER THEY BE DEVELOPMENT OR
25 APPLICATION SUPPORT ORIENTED AND IT WAS NOT FOUND TO BE AN



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1 ACTUAL COST SAVING SOLUTION DUE TO THE RAMP-UP EXPENSES
2 OFFSHORE FOR UNISYS AND THEIR ABILITIES TO ACTUALLY SUPPORT
3 THE SYSTEM WE HAVE ONSHORE IN AN OFFSHORE CAPACITY. WE ALSO
4 LOOKED AT A SERVICE BUREAU APPROACH WITH THEM, WHICH WOULD
5 REQUIRE THE COUNTY TO SHARE LIKE RESOURCES WITH ANY OTHER
6 CLIENTS THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE AND THAT WAS ALSO NOT A VIABLE
7 OPTION IN THE FACT THEY DIDN'T HAVE CLIENTS WITH SIMILAR...

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THE REALITY IS VIRTUALLY NOTHING CAME BACK AS
10 WE FORCED YOU BACK TO THE TABLE TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE, THAT WE
11 REALLY DIDN'T GET ANYTHING OUT OF IT?

12

13 **LISA NUNEZ:** SUPERVISOR, WHAT THEY DID THE FIRST TIME WHEN WE
14 NEGOTIATED WITH THEM WAS TO COME DOWN THE \$5 MILLION. THE
15 ORIGINAL PROPOSAL FROM UNISYS WAS 32.5. WHEN WE WENT BACK AND
16 WE NEGOTIATED WITH THEM, THAT REDUCED THE COST DOWN TO 27
17 MILLION AND WHAT WE ALSO DID, AND WE'VE MENTIONED IN OUR
18 REPORT, IS THAT WE BROUGHT IN AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT WHO
19 DETERMINED THAT THE COSTS THAT UNISYS PROVIDED OF THE 27
20 MILLION WAS A FAIR AND REASONABLE COST.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, WHAT, AGAIN, BACK TO MY SECOND PART OF THAT
23 QUESTION THEN, ARE WE, YOU KNOW, STILL INVESTING HEAVILY IN
24 THE UPGRADING AND REPLACING UNISYS MAINFRAMES AT CERTAIN SITES



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1 SO THAT THE CURRENT SYSTEM WON'T BREAK DOWN AS WE TRANSITION
2 TO THE NEW?

3

4 **LISA NUNEZ:** SUPERVISOR, WITH THE EXTENSION, THEY WILL
5 ACTUALLY-- UNISYS WILL ACTUALLY REPLACE THE MAINFRAMES THAT WE
6 HAVE. WE HAVE FIVE MAIN FRAMES. THEY WILL REPLACE THOSE WITH
7 BIGGER AND LARGER MAINFRAMES; IN FACT, JUST TWO, IN ORDER TO
8 HELP THE PROCESSING.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** AT WHOSE COST?

11

12 **LISA NUNEZ:** IT'S INCLUDED WITHIN THE \$27 MILLION. THAT IS THE
13 ANNUAL COST FOR THE UTILIZATION OF THAT HARDWARE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, YOU KNOW, WE ARE AT A POINT, I THINK, AT
16 THIS POINT, WHERE WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF CHOICE. I MEAN, WE
17 CERTAINLY CAN'T TAKE A CHANCE ON THIS CRASHING AND WE CAN'T
18 TAKE A CHANCE ON NOT HAVING THE SERVICES. SO THAT I HAVE THIS
19 MOTION BEFORE YOU AND I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK, RELATIVE TO THE 13,000 LEADER
24 WORKSTATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY'S D.P.S.S. OFFICES, ON
25 HISTORICAL TRENDS, WHAT DO YOU ESTIMATE THE ADDITIONAL COST OF



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1 THE COUNTY, OVER AND ABOVE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT, WOULD BE IN
2 ORDER TO REPLACE THE IRREPARABLE COMPUTERS AND WHERE WOULD
3 THOSE FUNDS BE COMING FROM?

4

5 **MIKE SYLVESTER:** SUPERVISOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE HAVE
6 EQUIPMENT OUT THAT ARE SUPPORTING THE LEADER SYSTEM NOW IN THE
7 LOCAL OFFICES THAT'S APPROXIMATELY, ON AVERAGE, AROUND EIGHT
8 YEARS OLD AT THIS POINT. IT DOES REQUIRE UPGRADE, AS WE'VE
9 EXPRESS TO DO YOUR OFFICES, AND WE'VE FACTORED OUT THE COST AT
10 UPGRADING 20% OF THE EQUIPMENT ANNUALLY, WHICH WOULD
11 EFFECTIVELY TURN ALL THE EQUIPMENT OVER EVERY FIVE YEARS,
12 WHICH IS A REASONABLE STANDARD, WOULD COME TO A COST OF
13 APPROXIMATELY \$7 MILLION A YEAR. WE DO HAVE THAT FACTORED INTO
14 OUR ADMINISTRATIVE ALLOCATION COSTS FOR BUDGET YEAR '07/'08.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU HAVE THOSE FUNDS IN PLACE?

17

18 **MIKE SYLVESTER:** YES, WE DO.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DID YOU TAKE THE ISSUE OF REPLACING LOCAL
21 OFFICE HARDWARE OFF THE TABLE WHEN YOU WERE NEGOTIATING THE
22 CONTRACT?

23

24 **MIKE SYLVESTER:** BECAUSE THE COST THAT THE COUNTY COULD
25 COMPETITIVELY PROCURE THIS EQUIPMENT WAS AT A REDUCED PRICE TO



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1 WHAT WE WOULD GET FROM UNISYS, SO THERE WAS NO ADVANTAGE TO
2 THE COUNTY TO HAVE UNISYS MAKE THE PURCHASES FOR US.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHY WASN'T THE LEADER R.F.P. PROCESS
5 BEGUN EARLIER? BECAUSE WOULDN'T IT BE A CONCURRENT RATHER THAN
6 A SEQUENTIAL PROCESS HAVING SHORTENED THE TIMELINE FOR
7 TRANSITION FROM A PROPRIETARY TO AN OPEN STANDARD SYSTEM?

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9 **LISA NUNEZ:** SUPERVISOR, WE WOULD HAVE HAD TO START THIS
10 PROCESS ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO AND, IF YOU RECALL, THREE YEARS
11 AGO, WE WERE STILL TALKING FOR RESPONSE TIME FOR BENEFIT
12 CALCULATIONS. SO THE SYSTEM WASN'T YET AT A PLACE WHERE WE HAD
13 DETERMINED WHAT WAS NEEDED TO PUT OR TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE NEW
14 R.F.P. IT HAS TAKEN-- IT TOOK FOUR YEARS TO DEVELOP LEADER,
15 TWO YEARS TO BRING LEADER UP SO THAT ALL DISTRICTS WERE
16 INCLUDED WITHIN THE LEADER NETWORK AND THEN IT'S TAKEN US TIME
17 SINCE THEN TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE LEADER SYSTEM IS STABLE
18 AND IT RESPONDS AS WE EXPECT IT TO. SO WE COULD HAVE STARTED--
19 WE STARTED MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, THE R.F.P., DEVELOPING THE
20 R.F.P. IN FACT, WITH THE STAKEHOLDER GROUP AND TO START PRIOR
21 TO THAT WAS PREMATURE BECAUSE WE DIDN'T YET KNOW WHAT WE HAD
22 WANTED.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR THE CIO REPRESENTATIVE, FROM A
2 CONTRACTING PERSPECTIVE, WHAT LESSONS WERE LEARNED AND HOW CAN
3 WE PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN?

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5 **MR. CASH:** FROM A CONTRACTING PERSPECTIVE, WHEN LEADER WAS
6 FIRST CONCEIVED AND IMPLEMENTED, WE REALLY DIDN'T HAVE THE
7 FLEXIBILITIES THAT THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES OFFER TODAY AND THESE
8 TECHNOLOGIES, ESPECIALLY WEB TECHNOLOGIES, ALLOW US TO-- ARE
9 MUCH MORE OPEN AND FLEXIBLE AND THEY WILL NOT LEAVE THE COUNTY
10 IN THIS POSITION WHERE WE'RE LOCKED INTO A FULLY PROPRIETARY
11 SOLUTION. OUR PLAN IS TO ASK FOR THESE NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN THE
12 NEW LEADER SYSTEM. ALSO, WITH THE NEW IMPLEMENTATION OF LARGE
13 PROCUREMENTS, ONE OF THE LESSONS LEARNED IS THAT WE'RE GOING
14 TO BE LOOKING AT A PHASED IN APPROACH RATHER THAN A BIG BANG
15 APPROACH SO THAT WE CAN MITIGATE SOME OF THE RISKS WITH SOME
16 OF THESE LARGE SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATIONS.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD THE COUNTY HAVE A POLICY TECHNOLOGY
19 THAT PROHIBITS CONTRACTING FOR LARGE PROPRIETARY TECHNOLOGY
20 CONTRACT IN THE FUTURE?

21

22 **MR. CASH:** REALLY, YOU KNOW, THE THING ABOUT LEADER SYSTEMS IS
23 THAT, TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, THEY ARE GOING TO BE PROPRIETARY
24 BECAUSE THE APPLICATION LAYER IS GOING TO BE PROPRIETARY. I



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1 DON'T KNOW. THAT'S SOMETHING WE COULD LOOK INTO BUT I DON'T
2 KNOW IF THAT'S FEASIBLE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE COULD INCLUDE THAT IN YOUR MOTION,
5 SUPERVISOR BURKE, THAT THEY COULD EXPLORE THAT IDEA. THANK
6 YOU.

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL MOVE IT. I'LL MOVE MY AMENDMENT.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE AMENDMENT
11 IS ACCEPTED AND YOU'RE MOVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE ITEM THAT'S
12 BEFORE US.

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14 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SECONDED BY MR. KNABE...

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, I'M NOT-- HOLD OFF A SECOND. I JUST WANT TO BE
19 RECORDED AS A "NO" VOTE.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SECONDED BY MR. ANTONOVICH.
22 ANY OTHER OBJECTIONS? IF NOT, BE RECORDED AS A 4-TO-1 VOTE
23 WITH MR. KNABE BEING THE "NO" VOTE. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. MR.
24 KNABE, ANY OTHER ITEMS?

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT I HELD.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN
6 IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY WEILAND HERRICK, WHO PASSED AWAY IN
7 GLENDALE. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE WITS AND THE ASSISTANCE
8 LEAGUE OF GLENDALE WHERE SHE HAD BEEN HONORED AS A 40-YEAR
9 MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT. SERGEANT BRIAN WILSON, SUPERVISOR
10 MOLINA AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF SERGEANT
11 BRIAN WILSON, WHO HAD SERVED WITH THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S
12 DEPARTMENT AS A SERGEANT, FIELD PATROL FOR THE TEMPLE STATION.
13 HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 42 FROM A HEART ATTACK. DAVE
14 BLAZEY, RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, MEMBER OF THE BOARD
15 OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FOR THE PAST 25
16 YEARS. DORIS KELLEY, GRADUATE OF JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL AND
17 WOODBURY COLLEGE, WAS MEDICAL SECRETARY FOR THE HOUSE EAR
18 INSTITUTE IN LOS ANGELES FOR 25 YEARS. SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF
19 CAPTAIN BURT WALLACE OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND
20 HER-- WIFE TO THE HOLLYWOOD PHOTOGRAPHER, BILL KELLEY. MARY
21 JANE KIEFFER. SHE HAD BEEN THE WOMAN OF THE YEAR BY THE
22 PASADENA WOMEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AS
23 AN ARTIST IN 1981 AND, OVER THE YEARS, SHE HAD RECEIVED
24 NUMEROUS AWARDS FOR HER WATERCOLORS AND EXHIBITS WIDELY FROM
25 THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ART IN NEW YORK AND THE LAGUNA MUSEUM



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1 OF ART. DAN SAXON PALMER, AN ARCHITECT. HIS COLLABORATING HEAD
2 PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER ARCHITECTS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE CITY
3 NATIONAL BANK BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, MOUNT SINAI
4 HOSPITAL AND BEVERLY BOULEVARD, NOW CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL
5 CENTER AND WAS A UNITED STATES ARMY VETERAN, GRADUATE OF NEW
6 YORK UNIVERSITY. MARGARET FACKLER, WIFE OF PASTOR WILLIAM
7 FACKLER, OF EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ALHAMBRA. SHE RECEIVED
8 HER DEGREES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND TAUGHT
9 KINDERGARTEN AT FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL IN TEMPLE CITY, AND THEN
10 HAD PURCHASED MON-ARC PRESCHOOL AND SERVED AS THE
11 OWNER/DIRECTOR UNTIL 1987. AND RITA MARIE KLOPNER OF ALTADENA,
12 WHO WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED RECENTLY ON THE CRASH ON THE 134
13 FREEWAY IN EAGLE ROCK. SHE'S FROM ALTADENA. THOSE ARE MY
14 MOTIONS.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO MOVED-- SO ORDERED.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UP NUMBER 71.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 71.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 71 IS THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S A PUBLIC HEARING. DO WE HAVE
25 ANY STAFF THAT NEEDS TO REPORT FIRST?



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CLERK SACHI HAMAI: WE DO. ON ITEM 71, FOR THE RECORD, IF I
COULD GO AHEAD AND READ THE TITLE IN. THIS IS ON HEARING ON
AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CODE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING RELATING TO
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LA CRESCENTA MONTROSE COMMUNITY STANDARDS
DISTRICT, ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND
DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF LA
CRESCENTA, MONTROSE AND APPROVAL OF RELATED ZONE CHANGE CASE
NUMBER 200600011-5 TO IMPROVE THE ZONING PATTERN IN THE
COMMUNITY. AND ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD,
PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. [
ADMINISTERING OATH]

13

CLERK SACHI HAMAI: THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED.

15

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: WE HAVE STAFF THAT WANTS TO BE
HEARD FIRST. PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD.

18

MITCH GLASER: YES. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MITCH
GLASER. I'M A PRINCIPLE PLANNER WITH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
REGIONAL PLANNING. AS YOU KNOW, YOUR BOARD ADOPTED URGENCY
ORDINANCE 2006-15-U ON MARCH THE 7TH OF LAST YEAR AND EXTENDED
IT ON APRIL THE 11TH OF LAST YEAR. THE URGENCY ORDINANCE
REQUIRES A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR ANY MULTI-FAMILY
DEVELOPMENT IN THE R-3 LIMITED MULTIPLE RESIDENCE ZONE IN THE



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1 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF LA CRESCENTA MONTROSE. IT WAS
2 ADOPTED IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE EXTENT
3 OF R-3 ZONING, THE PACE OF MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT IN THE
4 COMMUNITY, ITS IMPACTS ON LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE DESIGN
5 OF NEW MULTI-FAMILY BUILDINGS. WHEN THE URGENCY ORDINANCE WAS
6 ADOPTED, THE BOARD DIRECTED THIS DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A
7 ZONING STUDY AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS. IN ORDER TO CONDUCT
8 THE STUDY, STAFF MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CRESCENTA
9 VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, THE CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF
10 COMMERCE, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE
11 GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN
12 INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY AND OTHER INFORMATION. STAFF ALSO HELD
13 A COMMUNITY MEETING ON JUNE 21ST, 2006, IN THE COMMUNITY,
14 ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 100 RESIDENTS, WHO WERE GIVEN AN
15 OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INPUT. AFTER THE INITIAL
16 WORK WAS DONE, WE CONDUCTED THE STUDY. THE STUDY DETERMINED
17 THAT THE R-3 ZONES IN THE COMMUNITY ARE SUBSTANTIALLY BUILT
18 OUT. IN A WORST-CASE SCENARIO WHERE ALL EXISTING BUILDINGS
19 WOULD BE DEMOLISHED AND ALL LOTS WOULD BE REDEVELOPED TO THEIR
20 MAXIMUM DENSITY POTENTIAL, 570 ADDITIONAL UNITS COULD BE
21 ADDED. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE, OF COURSE, THAT ALL 570 UNITS
22 WOULD BE DEVELOPED WITHIN A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME. BASED ON
23 HISTORICAL GROWTH RATES, WHICH ARE THE SAME FOR THE LAST SIX
24 YEARS AS THEY ARE FOR THE LAST 80, WE PROJECTED THAT
25 APPROXIMATELY 18 UNITS WOULD BE ADDED EACH YEAR, REPRESENTING



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1 A GROWTH RATE IN LA CRESCENTA MONTROSE OF LESS THAN A FRACTION
2 OF A PERCENT PER YEAR. STAFF RESEARCH INDICATED THAT THERE ARE
3 NO MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRAINTS AT THE CURRENT TIME AND
4 THE ADDITIONAL GROWTH OF A FRACTION OF A PERCENT PER YEAR WILL
5 NOT BURDEN INFRASTRUCTURE OR SIGNIFICANTLY ALTER THE COMMUNITY
6 CHARACTER AS LESS THAN 3% OF THE COMMUNITY'S LAND IS ZONED R-
7 3. HOWEVER, IN CONDUCTING THE STUDY, STAFF DID NOTE
8 IRREGULARITIES IN THE ZONING PATTERN. STAFF HAS RECOMMENDED
9 ZONE CHANGES ON 22 PARCELS WHERE ZONING LINES DO NOT CONFORM
10 TO PARCEL LINES. OUR ZONE CHANGES WOULD ELIMINATE THESE SPLIT
11 ZONING SITUATIONS. IN ADDITION, STAFF NOTED AN IRREGULAR
12 ZONING PATTERN ALONG BARTON LANE, WHICH IS A NARROW CUL-DE-SAC
13 STREET. APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE PARCELS ON THIS CUL-DE-SAC
14 ARE ZONED R-3 AND THE OTHER HALF ARE ZONED R-1 FOR SINGLE-
15 FAMILY RESIDENCE. STAFF HAS RECOMMENDED ZONE CHANGES ON 17 OF
16 THE R-3 PARCELS IN ORDER TO PREVENT MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
17 IN THIS AREA AS IT MAY BE INAPPROPRIATE AND COULD DAMAGE THE
18 COMMUNITY CHARACTER. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THESE
19 ZONE CHANGES WOULD NOT CREATE ANY NONCONFORMING SITUATIONS AS
20 ALL PARCELS ARE CURRENTLY DEVELOPED WITH SINGLE-FAMILY
21 RESIDENCES. LASTLY, STAFF RECOGNIZED THE MAJOR CONCERN OF THE
22 COMMUNITY AND THAT WAS OVER THE DESIGN OF MULTI-FAMILY
23 BUILDINGS. STAFF RECOMMENDS A COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT OR
24 CSD THAT WOULD APPLY EXCLUSIVELY TO PROPERTY ZONED R-3. THE
25 CSD WOULD INCLUDE ADDITIONAL DESIGN STANDARDS FOR MULTI-FAMILY



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1 DEVELOPMENT. WHILE SOME OF THE STANDARDS WOULD APPLY TO ALL R-
2 3 DEVELOPMENT, MANY OF THE STANDARDS ONLY APPLY TO BUILDINGS
3 THAT DIRECTLY ABUT OR ADJOIN AN R-1 OR R-2 ZONED PROPERTY.
4 THESE BUFFERING STANDARDS WERE MOST DESIRED BY THE COMMUNITY
5 AND THEY INCLUDE ADDITIONAL BUILDING SETBACKS AND LANDSCAPING.
6 THE ZONING STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS, ONCE COMPLETED, WERE
7 PRESENTED AT A SECOND COMMUNITY MEETING ON SEPTEMBER THE 7TH
8 OF 2006. AFTERWARD, STAFF WORKED WITH SEVERAL INTERESTED
9 PARTIES, INCLUDING AN ORGANIZED GROUP OF PROPERTY OWNERS, TO
10 REFINE THE CSD AND ENSURE THAT PROPERTY RIGHTS WERE BEING
11 RESPECTED. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ALSO HELD A
12 HEARING ON NOVEMBER THE 29TH OF LAST YEAR AND VOTED 4-TO-1 TO
13 APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ZONING STUDY AND TO FORWARD
14 THEM TO THE BOARD. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ZONE CHANGE
15 RECOMMENDATIONS IN CSD REFLECT A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE
16 DESIRES OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE RIGHTS OF PROPERTY OWNERS.
17 THE DESIGN STANDARDS WILL ENSURE THAT FUTURE MULTI-FAMILY
18 DEVELOPMENTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE COMMUNITY'S DEVELOPMENT
19 PATTERN. TODAY, WE REQUEST THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE PROPOSED
20 ORDINANCES SO THAT THEY MAY TAKE EFFECT BEFORE THE URGENCY
21 ORDINANCE EXPIRES. THAT CONCLUDES STAFF'S PRESENTATION. THANK
22 YOU.

23
24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANYBODY ELSE WISH TO BE HEARD FROM
25 THE STAFF?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD THE ADOPTION OF THIS COMMUNITY
7 STANDARDS DISTRICT REDUCE THE NUMBER OF UNITS THAT COULD BE
8 DEVELOPED ON A LOT?

9

10 **MITCH GLASER:** NO, IT WOULDN'T, SUPERVISOR.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD COMPLYING WITH THE NEW STANDARDS ALLOW
13 A DEVELOPER, IT WOULD MEAN THAT A DEVELOPER WOULD YIELD FEWER
14 UNITS ON A PROPERTY?

15

16 **MITCH GLASER:** NO. HE WOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO CONSTRUCT THE
17 SAME AMOUNT OF UNITS AS CURRENT STANDARDS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BY THIS ADOPTION, IS THE COUNTY ELIMINATING
20 THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A C.U.P.?

21

22 **MITCH GLASER:** A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IS REQUIRED NOW BY THE
23 URGENCY ORDINANCE. ADOPTION OF THE CSD WOULD ELIMINATE THAT
24 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUIREMENT.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS THE TIME AND COST RELATIVE TO THE
2 NEW CSD VERSUS A C.U.P.?

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4 **MITCH GLASER:** THE C.U.P. FEES ARE APPROXIMATELY \$5,200. THE
5 PLOT PLAN FEE FOR THE-- UNDER THE CSD, WHICH IS ACTUALLY
6 SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR ANY APARTMENT HOUSE, IS
7 \$666. THE TIME IT TAKES TO GET A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT VARIES
8 FROM 6 TO 12 MONTHS, WHEREAS IT'S PERHAPS 2 TO 3 MONTHS FOR A
9 PLOT PLAN. SO IT'S MUCH FASTER.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BE
14 HEARD. I'LL CALL THEM UP. DANETTE ERICKSON. GERALD LAMPTON.
15 KENNETH KAESER AND FRANK BEYT. I THINK WE HAVE FOUR SEATS UP
16 HERE, SO YOU'LL ALL FIT. MISS ERICKSON WILL BE FIRST.

17

18 **DANETTE ERICKSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I AM DANETTE
19 ERICKSON AND I'M REPRESENTING THE CRESCENTA VALLEY TOWN
20 COUNCIL, WHICH REPRESENTS THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF MONTROSE
21 IN LA CRESCENTA. THE TOWN COUNCIL THANKS THE COUNTY FOR
22 HEARING THE OUTCRY OF THE RESIDENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY
23 CONCERNING MULTI- FAMILY HOUSING. WE ARE ALSO GRATEFUL TO
24 MITCH AND RON FOR THE URGENCY ORDINANCE TO RESOLVE THESE
25 ISSUES QUICKLY FOR THE PROPERTY OWNERS. I HAVE BEEN AT MANY



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1 PUBLIC STANDING ROOM ONLY MEETINGS, BOTH AT THE CRESCENTA
2 VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL AND THE JUNE AND SEPTEMBER PUBLIC MEETINGS
3 AT ROSEMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL. HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS
4 EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS. EVERYONE HAD THEIR TURN TO SPEAK UP
5 AND BE PART OF THE COMPROMISE PROCESS WITH THE PROPERTY
6 OWNERS. THE CRESCENTA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL BELIEVES THIS IS A
7 GOOD COMPROMISE, REPRESENTING THOUSANDS OF HOURS OF WORK TO
8 BRING BOTH SIDES TOGETHER AND ASKS FOR YOUR APPROVAL OF THIS
9 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. LAMPTON.

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13 **GERALD LAMPTON:** MY NAME IS JERRY LAMPTON. I'M A RESIDENT OF LA
14 CRESCENTA. I LIVE IN A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE AT 3028
15 HENRIETTA AVENUE IN LA CRESCENTA. I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT THERE
16 SINCE 1989. I'M SPEAKING TODAY BECAUSE I WISH TO--
17 FUNDAMENTALLY, MY POSITION IS THAT I DO NOT SUPPORT ANY
18 PROVISION OF ANY COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT IN LA CRESCENTA
19 OR MONTROSE WHICH TAKES AWAY THE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF PROPERTY
20 OWNERS WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT. AND THE REASON I FEEL THAT WAY
21 IS TWOFOLD. NUMBER ONE, I FEEL THAT IT IS MORALLY WRONG TO DO
22 SO BUT IT'S ALSO WRONG FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF PUBLIC
23 POLICY. IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE RESPECT THE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF
24 ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, WE WILL HAVE A BETTER, MORE
25 PROSPEROUS SOCIETY. MY UNDERSTANDING OF THIS PROVISION IS THAT



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1 THERE ARE-- THAT THERE ARE TWO BASIC COMPONENTS. THE FIRST IS
2 THE CHANGE IN THE LOT LINES. MY POSITION ON THAT IS THAT, AS
3 LONG AS THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTUALLY AFFECTED BY IT CONSENT TO
4 IT, I HAVE NO OBJECTION. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THAT IS
5 NOT NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH COMMUNITY STANDARDS TO ENACT THAT
6 PROVISION OF LAW. AND, IF THAT'S THE CASE, I WOULD REQUEST
7 THAT YOU NOT ENACT A COMMUNITY STANDARDS TO ENACT THAT
8 PROVISION OF LAW. THE SECOND PROVISION DEALS WITH THE R-3
9 CHANGES IN ZONING AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THOSE DO
10 RESTRICT THE RIGHTS OF THE OWNERS OF THOSE PROPERTIES TO USE
11 THEIR PROPERTIES IN CERTAIN WAYS, I.E. BY NOT COMPLYING WITH
12 THE STANDARDS THAT ARE OUTLINED IN THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY
13 STANDARDS DISTRICT. I WOULD NOT SUPPORT THAT FOR TWO REASONS.
14 NUMBER ONE, I DO NOT THINK THAT FORCING SOMEONE TO DO
15 SOMETHING AGAINST THEIR WILL SETS A GOOD PRECEDENT FOR THE
16 COMMUNITY AND I WOULD ASK THE BOARD NOT TO USE THE COMMUNITY
17 STANDARDS DISTRICT TO DO THAT. AND, SECOND, IN ESTABLISHING A
18 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT AS THE VEHICLE FOR DOING THIS,
19 THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT, AS IT'S PRESENTLY SET UP,
20 WOULD ENCOMPASS THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND NOT JUST THE AFFECTED
21 PROPERTIES. AND I WOULD REQUEST THAT, IF YOU INSIST ON SETTING
22 UP A COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT, THAT YOU LIMIT THE
23 GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE OF THAT DISTRICT TO ONLY THE PROPERTIES THAT
24 ARE ACTUALLY AFFECTED AND LEAVE THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY OUT
25 OF IT BECAUSE, FRANKLY, THE REST-- MY OVERALL SENSE OF IT IS



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1 NOT SO MUCH THAT PEOPLE ARE ALL IN FAVOR OF THIS IS THAT MOST
2 PEOPLE FEEL THAT IT DOESN'T AFFECT THEM AND THEREFORE THEY
3 DON'T CARE. AND I THINK THAT IT DOES AFFECT THEM AND I WOULD
4 REQUEST THAT THE BOARD NOT DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD TAKE AWAY
5 SOMEONE'S PROPERTY RIGHTS WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR.-- IS IT KAESER?

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9 **KENNETH KAESER:** MINE IS KIND OF A SMALL ADDENDUM TO THIS. I
10 HAVE TWO PROPERTIES, ONE AT 2425 FOOTHILL AND ONE AT 2415 TO
11 21 FOOTHILL AND THEY'RE REZONING PART OF THEM. ONE OF THEM,
12 THEY'RE REZONING TO COMMERCIAL. THESE ARE SMALL ADJUSTMENTS,
13 AND THE OTHER ONE, THEY'RE CHANGING FROM COMMERCIAL TO R-3. I
14 WISH WE HAD A MAP OR SOMETHING THAT WE COULD LOOK AT. I'VE
15 REPEATEDLY SENT THE CORRESPONDENCE AND TRIED TO CALL THE
16 PEOPLE BUT NO ONE'S EVER EXTENDED ME THE COURTESY OF REPLYING.
17 BUT, ANYWAY, THERE'S A LINE THERE THAT THE FIRST HUNDRED FEET
18 OR 100 AND-SOME-ODD FEET ARE COMMERCIAL AND THEN THEY WANT TO
19 TAKE THIS ONE THING THAT'S COMMERCIAL NOW THAT-- IT'S LIKE A
20 FLAG LOT AND THEY WANT TO CHANGE THE DRIVEWAY TO R-3. IT DON'T
21 MAKE ANY SENSE TO ME. FIRST OF ALL, IT'S ON FOOTHILL
22 BOULEVARD. THAT'S THE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR. ALL THE CITIES
23 THAT I CAN SEE ARE REALLY PROMOTING GROWTH ALONG
24 TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS SO WE CAN REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF
25 TRAFFIC ON THE STREETS. AS I SAY, IT JUST DON'T MAKE SENSE TO



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1 HAVE THIS LITTLE THING THAT'S R-3 IN WHAT IS A COMMERCIAL
2 ZONE. AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK WE'RE NOT LOOKING AT THE FUTURE.
3 SOME DAY, IF-- OR I'M DEAD, SOMEBODY'S GOING TO COME ALONG AND
4 WANT TO DEVELOP THAT AND THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS
5 PROCESS OF MAKING THIS A C-3 AGAIN OR C-2.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. LAST...

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9 **KENNETH KAESER:** DO YOU PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING?

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES. I THINK WE ALL HEARD VERY
12 CLEARLY WHAT YOU WERE SAYING. THE NEXT AND LAST SPEAKER IS MR.
13 BEYT.

14

15 **FRANK BEYT:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS FRANK BEYT.
16 I'M A RESIDENT OF MONTROSE AND I JUST WANT-- I'M HERE TO JUST--
17 - I WAS HERE THROUGH THE WHOLE PROCESS WITH THE PLANNING, WITH
18 MITCH AND HIS CREW, AND I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU AND THANK THE
19 PLANNING GROUP FOR THEIR EFFORTS. THEY WORKED WITH US IN
20 HONESTY AND OPENNESS THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE PROCESS AND I THINK,
21 ALTHOUGH I'M NOT TOTALLY ENAMORED WITH THE RESULTS, I DO FEEL
22 THAT WE CAN SUPPORT WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED WITH THIS PROCESS.
23 SO, AGAIN, I JUST THANK YOU AND THANK MITCH AND HIS CREW FOR
24 THEIR EFFORTS IN THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU AGAIN.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. BEYT. MR.
2 ANTONOVICH.

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO RESPOND.

6 **RON HOFFMAN:** YES, RON HOFFMAN FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
7 PLANNING. TWO CONCERNS BY THE TWO FOLKS WHO SPOKE IN
8 OPPOSITION, ONE ABOUT HAVING A COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT
9 AFFECT THE ENTIRE DISTRICT, THE ENTIRE GEOGRAPHIC AREA. THAT
10 IS ACTUALLY OUR COMMON PRACTICE. WE FEEL THAT IS MORE LOGICAL
11 FROM A PLANNING STANDPOINT, EVEN THOUGH ONLY THE R-3 PORTIONS
12 ARE AFFECTED. THE SURROUNDING AREAS ARE AFFECTED, TOO, SO WE
13 FELT IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE THE ENTIRE AREA. THE
14 CONCERN ABOUT THESE ZONE CHANGES, THE ZONING IN THAT AREA WAS
15 STARTED IN 1936 AND AMENDED IN 1949. WE BELIEVE THAT THE MINOR
16 CHANGES THAT WE'RE PROPOSING TO PREVENT SPLIT LOTS IS GOOD
17 PLANNING, PREVENTS CONFUSION FROM THE PROPERTY OWNER AND
18 PROMOTES BETTER DEVELOPMENT, AND THE CHANGE ON BARTON LANE
19 REALLY REFLECTS A BETTER ZONING PATTERN AND CONSISTENT WITH
20 THE NEIGHBORS ACROSS THE STREET THAN THE EXISTING ZONING
21 PATTERN THAT WE PRESENTLY HAVE. MR. KAESER'S PROPERTY, ALL
22 WE'RE PROPOSING TO DO IS TO REZONE A FLAG STRIP THAT IS NOW C-
23 2 TO MAKE THAT R-3 BECAUSE THE REAR PORTION OF THAT LOT IS R-
24 3. THAT WOULD MAKE THE ENTIRE LOT R-3 AND IT SERVES AN



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1 APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT SO THE ENTIRE PARCEL AND ZONING WOULD BE
2 COMPATIBLE. WE THINK THAT'S GOOD PLANNING.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN LONG AND
5 INVOLVED AND THERE HAVE BEEN PUBLIC HEARINGS IN THE CRESCENTA
6 VALLEY AND THE STAFF HAS WORKED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 REGIONAL PLANNING, YOU'VE BEEN VERY PROACTIVE IN GOING OUT AND
8 MEETING WITH THE PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITY HAVING THESE
9 HEARINGS. THE DISTRICT IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED
10 WHEN OPPONENTS AND PROPONENTS HAVE COME TOGETHER AND ATTENDED
11 THE MEETINGS AND WORKED OUT COMPROMISES. AS I SAID, A TOTAL OF
12 THREE PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE CONDUCTED, ONE BY THE REGIONAL
13 PLANNING COMMISSION, TWO IN LA CRESCENTA BY STAFF OF THE
14 REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND STAFF ALSO MET SEPARATELY IN
15 MY OFFICE AS WELL WITH VARIOUS PARTIES AND WORKED OUT
16 DILIGENTLY TO REACH A COMPROMISE. IN ADOPTING THIS CSD, THE
17 COUNTY WILL REMOVE THE MORATORIUM IMPOSED LAST MARCH, MAKING
18 IT EASIER FOR OWNERS TO DEVELOP THEIR PROPERTIES WITHOUT GOING
19 THROUGH A CONDITIONAL USE PROCESS. CALLS TO MY STAFF HAVE BEEN
20 NEARLY UNANIMOUS IN SUPPORT OF THIS. SUPPORTERS OF THE
21 PROPOSAL COMES FROM THE CRESCENTA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL, THE
22 CRESCENTA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, RESIDENTS IN THE MONTROSE
23 AND LA CRESCENTA WHO HAVE WRITTEN AND TESTIFIED SEVERAL
24 HUNDRED-- I SHOULD SAY PEOPLE ALONG WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED
25 WITH THIS THAT WE REALLY WANT TO THANK, ALONG WITH THE



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1 COMMUNITY WHERE ELAINE LEMPKE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE,
2 WHO REVISED THE FINAL ORDINANCE, REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF,
3 INCLUDING RON HOFMANN, MITCH GLASER, AND TI HA, ESPECIALLY
4 ANDY MALECTEASE, OF REGIONAL PLANNING WHO PASSED AWAY JUST
5 BEFORE THE BOARD COULD CONSIDER THIS CSD BUT HIS HARD WORK--
6 AND HE HAD WORKED OVER 35 YEARS IN SERVICE TO THE COUNTY. WHAT
7 IT DOES IS TO RESULT IN BETTER DESIGN OF BUILDINGS IN THE R-3
8 ZONE IN LA CRESCENTA AND MONTROSE BY STEPPING BACK THE TOP
9 PORTION OF TALLER BUILDINGS, INCREASING SETBACKS ADJACENT TO
10 SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS, SCREENING ROOFTOP EQUIPMENT,
11 REQUIRING WINDOWS ON BUILDINGS FACING PUBLIC STREETS AND
12 LIMITING THE SIZE AND NUMBER OF GARAGES FACING PUBLIC STREETS
13 AND BREAKING UP OF ROOF LINES TO REDUCE MASSING. AS I SAID,
14 THERE WAS A LOT OF GIVE AND TAKE AND THE COMMUNITY IS TO BE
15 COMMENDED FOR WORKING WITH ALL PARTIES TO COME UP WITH THIS
16 SOLUTION. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE HEARING, ADOPT
17 THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND APPROVE THE FINAL VERSION OF THIS
18 CSD ORDINANCE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD, CHANGE THE WORD
19 "SUBMITTED" TO THE WORD "APPROVAL" IN SECTION 2244139.C.8 AND
20 APPROVE THE ASSOCIATED ZONE CHANGE RECOMMENDED BY REGIONAL
21 PLANNING COMMISSION.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE A SECOND? I'LL SECOND.
24 ANY DISCUSSION? WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU
25 ALL FOR COMING DOWN.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. I ALSO WANT TO THANK PAUL NOVAK
3 AND SUSIE NEEMER AND RITA HUTCHAMUKIAN FROM MY OFFICE AS WELL
4 WHO HELPED WORK WITH THE COMMUNITIES.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAD A SPECIAL ITEM,
7 A SET ORDER, MIKE, AT 11:00.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SURE. LET'S CALL IT UP.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S TAKE THAT UP AT THIS TIME,
12 AND THAT WAS CONSIDERATION OF TRANS FAT ISSUE. COULD WE HAVE
13 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DR. FIELDING? DO YOU WANT TO
14 SAY SOMETHING TO START?

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16 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE...

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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20 **SUP. BURKE:** YES. I'D LIKE TO PASS OUT A MOTION. I WANT TO
21 THANK DR. FIELDING FOR HIS WORK ON THIS ISSUE AND ALSO THE
22 COUNTY COUNSEL. I WANTED TO ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL SOME
23 QUESTIONS AS WE GO FORWARD BUT I'VE PASSED OUT A MOTION. THIS
24 MORNING, WE JOINED WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND WITH THE
25 RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION IN MOVING FORWARD WITH AN ATTEMPT TO



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1 DEVELOP A VOLUNTARILY PLAN. JUST TO BRING YOU UP TO DATE,
2 ABOUT A MONTH AGO, A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO, WE INTRODUCED A
3 MOTION TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AS WELL AS THE
4 COUNTY COUNSEL, TO RESPOND TO US AND GIVE US SOME INDICATION
5 OF WHETHER OR NOT WE COULD HAVE A BANNING OF TRANS FAT OR A
6 REQUIREMENT TO DISCLOSE TRANS FAT IN RESTAURANTS AND
7 BUSINESSES, BAKERIES AND OTHER BUSINESSES DOING BUSINESS IN
8 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WHAT WE RECEIVED BACK WAS AN ANALYSIS OF
9 THE STATE LAW WHICH INDICATED THE STATE WAS OCCUPYING THE
10 FIELD AND THAT THE COUNTY DID NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO INSTITUTE
11 A BAN SUCH AS WAS INSTITUTED IN NEW YORK OR EVEN A DISCLOSURE
12 UNLESS THE STATE LEGISLATURE DID AUTHORIZE LOCAL ACTION IN
13 THIS REGARD. WE DID MOVE FORWARD TO CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE
14 LEGISLATURE ASSEMBLYMEMBER DYMLER TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO
15 GIVE US THAT AUTHORITY. MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
16 HEALTH HAS COME FORWARD WITH A PROPOSED VOLUNTARY PLAN AND A
17 NUMBER OF THINGS THAT THEY BELIEVE CAN BE DONE. BUT BEFORE I
18 ASK PUBLIC HEALTH TO RESPOND, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE COUNTY
19 COUNSEL A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. WE UNDERSTAND YOUR OPINIONS
20 THAT THE STATE OCCUPIES THE FIELD BUT ALSO WE'VE BEEN ADVISED
21 THAT EVEN THE STATE LEGISLATURE DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO
22 PROVIDE A BAN OF TRANS FATS, THAT IT'S THE FEDERAL AUTHORITIES
23 AND THAT THEY HAVE OCCUPIED THE FIELD. WHAT IS THE SITUATION?
24 THEY'RE SAYING IN NEW YORK, THERE WAS REALLY NOT A BAN, THAT
25 THERE WAS A RESTRICTION ON TRANS FAT. AND WHAT MY QUESTION IS,



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1 IS IT POSSIBLE, WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, TO BAN THE
2 UTILIZATION BY RESTAURANTS WHO COME UNDER OUR AUTHORITY OF
3 TRANS FAT IF THE STATE LEGISLATURE GIVES US THE AUTHORITY OR
4 IS IT A FEDERAL DETERMINATION AND THAT WHAT WE CAN DO IS
5 LIMITED? EVEN WITH STATE AUTHORITY.

6

7 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR BURKE, LET
8 ME TURN AND GET SPECIFIC CLARIFICATION OF THAT FEDERAL
9 PREEMPTION ISSUE. I HAD THOUGHT THAT THAT WAS STILL AN OPEN
10 QUESTION BUT WE MAY HAVE A DEFINITIVE ANSWER TO THAT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** SOUNDED LIKE A DEFINITE MAYBE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YVONNE, ARE YOU DONE?

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16 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, WE'RE GETTING-- THERE'S A LEGAL CLARIFICATION.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOTCHA.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** I'M NOT SURE THAT THE STATE EVEN HAS THE
21 AUTHORITY. AND I WONDER IF THE FEDERAL APPLIES ONLY TO
22 INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

23

24 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** PARDON ME, SUPERVISOR BURKE. I'VE
25 JUST BEEN ADVISED THE CLARIFICATION OF THE OPINION AND THAT IS



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1 WE BELIEVE THAT THE STATE COULD AUTHORIZE US TO RESTRICT THE
2 CONTENT OF TRANS FAT BUT WE COULD NOT ENTIRELY BAN IT, NOR
3 COULD THE STATE, IN AS MUCH AS THE FEDERAL LAW, WHERE THE
4 FEDERAL LAW COMES IN IS THAT THEY HAVE THE POWER TO DETERMINE
5 WHICH FOODS ARE ADULTERATED AND NOT AND THEY HAVE NOT
6 DETERMINED THAT IS THE CASE WITH THE TRANS FATS. THEY ARE
7 ACCEPTABLE OF HUMAN CONSUMPTION, SO TO SPEAK, AND SO THEREFORE
8 WE COULD RESTRICT THE CONTENT, WE COULD HAVE PROGRAMS FOR
9 REQUIRING THE DISCLOSURE OF THE AMOUNTS OF TRANS FAT IN
10 VARIOUS FOODS BUT NOT AN OUTRIGHT BAN.

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, TAKING THAT INTO CONSIDERATION,
13 WHAT WE'RE MOVING FORWARD WITH NOW IS A VOLUNTARY AND I'D LIKE
14 TO ASK DR. FIELDING TO EXPLAIN THE VOLUNTARY PROPOSAL THAT'S
15 BEEN DEVELOPED BY HIS OFFICE.

16
17 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. WE
18 WERE ASKED BY YOUR BOARD AND INSTRUCTED, BASED ON THE MOTION
19 THAT YOU MADE, TO LOOK AT THE PROS AND CONS AND WHAT
20 RECOMMENDATIONS WE'VE HAD. I JUST WOULD POINT OUT, HERE'S THIS
21 WONDERFUL CAKE THAT WAS SERVED HERE THIS MORNING AND IT REALLY
22 IS WONDERFUL. MY POINT IN SHOWING IT ONLY IS THAT YOU WOULD
23 HAVE NO IDEA WHETHER TRANS FATS WERE IN IT OR NOT. AND TRANS
24 FATS BASICALLY ARE PARTIALLY HYDROGENATED VEGETABLE OIL. SO
25 YOU TAKE-- THIS IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF ONE WHICH HAS NO TRANS



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1 FATS. IT'S LIQUID. THIS HAPPENS TO BE CANOLA OIL BUT IT COULD
2 BE SOY BEAN OIL OR CORN OIL. AND THIS IS SEMI SOLID, THIS IS
3 HYDROGENATED, IT HAS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TRANS FATS IN IT
4 JUST BOUGHT AT THE SUPERMARKET. NOW, IF YOU BUY IT AT THE
5 SUPERMARKET TODAY, IT HAS TO BE LABELED. THIS INDICATES HOW
6 MUCH TRANS FAT'S IN IT, IT'S PREPROCESSED. BUT, IN A
7 RESTAURANT, YOU DON'T KNOW. WE LOOKED FIRST AT THE SCIENTIFIC
8 EVIDENCE. THE EVIDENCE IS QUITE STRONG THAT TRANS FATS DO
9 CONTRIBUTE TO AN EXCESS CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE, THE NUMBER ONE
10 KILLER IN L.A. COUNTY. THE ESTIMATES ARE ROUGHLY 30,000 PEOPLE
11 A YEAR MAY DIE BECAUSE OF THE USE OF TRANS FATS. SO THAT
12 EVIDENCE IS PRETTY GOOD. IT INCREASES THE BAD CHOLESTEROL, IT
13 REDUCES THE GOOD CHOLESTEROL AND IT SEEMS TO CONTRIBUTE TO
14 INFLAMMATION ON THE INSIDE OF THE ARTERIES, WHAT WE CALL THE
15 INTIMA OF THE ARTERIES, SO IT IS NOT GOOD. WHAT WE RECOMMENDED
16 WAS AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM THAT WOULD ALLOW RESTAURANTS THAT
17 WANTED TO NOT VOLUNTARILY ELIMINATE IT, TO BE CERTIFIED BY US
18 THAT THEY, IN FACT, HAVE DONE THAT AND TO PUT A DECAL ON THEIR
19 WINDOW. ONE OF THE REASONS WE THINK THIS WILL WORK BETTER HERE
20 THAN IN MOST PLACES IS BECAUSE OF THE POPULARITY OF THE
21 GRADING SYSTEM THAT THE BOARD PUT IN PLACE ABOUT NINE YEARS
22 AGO. PEOPLE ARE USED TO LOOKING FOR LETTER GRADES NOW IN THE
23 WINDOW, SO IT WOULD BE NICE IF THEY COULD FIND THIS DECAL AS
24 WELL. SO WE RECOMMEND THAT WITH AN EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR
25 RESTAURATEURS AND FOR THE PUBLIC SO THAT THEY UNDERSTAND HOW



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1 TO CHANGE-- THE RESTAURATEURS UNDERSTAND HOW THEY CAN MAKE
2 CHANGES AND, IN FACT, ALL THE BIG CHAINS REALLY ARE MOVING IN
3 THAT DIRECTION AND THAT THE SMALLER ONES UNDERSTAND WHAT TRANS
4 FATS ARE BECAUSE SOMETIMES IT'S NOT CLEAR. AND JUST TO MAKE
5 THAT A SIMPLE, IF YOU SEE ON A LABEL, PARTIALLY HYDROGENATED,
6 WHAT THAT MEANS IS TRANS FATS. IT HAS EXTRA HYDROGEN BONDS AND
7 THAT MAKES IT SEMI SOLID AND IT CONTRIBUTES TO SOME OF THE
8 PROPERTIES THAT ARE-- IT'S COMMERCIALLY MADE, IT'S
9 ARTIFICIALLY MADE IT DOESN'T OCCUR IN NATURE EXCEPT IN VERY
10 SMALL AMOUNTS IN DAIRY PRODUCTS AND IN MEAT. SO THIS IS ABOUT
11 TRYING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO CONSUMERS AND WE RECOMMEND
12 THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT US TO WORK WITH ALL THE KEY
13 STAKEHOLDERS THAT YOU INDICATED IN YOUR PRIOR MOTION TO COME
14 BACK WITH AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THAT WOULD PROVIDE
15 INCENTIVES, OVER TIME, FOR THEM TO HAVE THESE DECALS, AND I
16 THINK THE INCENTIVES WOULD BE CONSUMERS WANT TO SEE THAT. AND
17 ALSO TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF TRANS FAT IN COUNTY OPERATED OR
18 COUNTY CONTRACTED FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS SO THAT AT LEAST OUR
19 EMPLOYEES WOULD HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THAT AND OTHERS UTILIZING
20 THAT. AND ALSO TO SUPPORT STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW
21 FOR US TO PUT IN PLACE A RESTRICTION IN MUCH THE SAME WAY AS
22 NEW YORK HAS DONE. THE OTHER PART OF THE MOTION WAS TO ASK US
23 TO LOOK AT CALORIE LABELING. THERE IS-- ONE OF THE
24 MISCONCEPTION ABOUT THE TRANS FATS IS THAT, WHEN YOU REPLACE
25 ONE FAT WITH ANOTHER, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF



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1 CALORIES, ALL FATS HAVE NINE CALORIES PER GRAM SO YOU'RE GOING
2 TO REPLACE ONE WITH ANOTHER THAT IS BETTER FOR YOU BUT STILL
3 NOT NECESSARILY GOOD. SO SATURATED FATS, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE
4 SOMETHING WE SHOULD LIMIT IN OUR DIET. SO IT WILL NOT AFFECT
5 THE FREQUENCY OF OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY, WHICH IS A SERIOUS
6 PROBLEM. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT REALLY COULD MAKE A
7 DIFFERENCE OVER TIME IS CALORIE LABELING. ONCE AGAIN, THE
8 OPINION HAS BEEN THAT THE STATE OCCUPIES THAT SPACE AND WE
9 CANNOT REQUIRE CALORIE LABELING ON THE ORDER BOARD IN
10 RESTAURANTS THAT ALREADY PROVIDE NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION. BUT
11 IT'S OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT WE SUPPORT STATE LEGISLATION THAT
12 WOULD REQUIRE THAT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE FOUND IN
13 RESEARCH IS THAT CONSUMERS UNDERESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF
14 CALORIES THEY'RE ORDERING. THEY ALSO HAVE DIFFICULTY LOOKING
15 AT PORTION SIZE. THEY ESTIMATE BY 200 TO 300 CALORIES WHAT
16 THEY'RE ACTUALLY GETTING IN AN AVERAGE MAIN COURSE. SO WE
17 THINK THAT THAT WOULD BE ONE STEP TOWARDS EMPOWERING CONSUMERS
18 TO MAKE GOOD FOOD CHOICES AND WOULD-- I THINK SOMETHING WE
19 COULD WORK ON WITH THE RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION. I WANT TO
20 COMMEND THE RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION HERE FOR SUPPORT IN THE
21 TRANS FAT AREA BECAUSE I THINK THEY'VE RECOGNIZED, AS WE HAVE,
22 THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS. THE ONLY OTHER RECOMMENDATION I WOULD
23 HAVE WOULD BE TO CONSIDER REQUIRING A LABEL OF CALORIC AND
24 MAYBE FAT LABELING ON THE FOODS SERVED IN COUNTY FACILITIES
25 AND THOSE WHO CONTRACT WITH COUNTY SO, WHEN YOU'RE ORDERING



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1 SOMETHING FROM A COUNTY OPERATED OR CONTRACTED FACILITY, YOU
2 HAD SOME IDEA OF WHAT, IN FACT, THE NUTRITIONAL VALUE WAS.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** I SHOULD ADD THAT WE DID GET A LETTER FROM THE
5 MARGARINE ASSOCIATION OF PRODUCERS. THEY WANTED TO MAKE IT
6 VERY CLEAR THAT THEY HAVE REDUCED THE AMOUNT OF TRANS FAT IN
7 THEIR MARGARINES THAT, ACTUALLY, IT'S ABOUT A .5%, WHICH IS A
8 MINIMAL AMOUNT. OF COURSE, THEY DO SAY THAT THE BEST-- LESS
9 TRANS FAT-- WITH NO TRANS FAT, YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE SOFT
10 SPREADS, WHICH HAVE NO TRANS FAT AT ALL BUT-- THAT THEY ARE
11 COMMITTED TO TRY TO REDUCE TOTALLY THE TRANS FAT AND SOME OF
12 THE INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN CIRCULATED ABOUT MARGARINES AND
13 THEIR TRANS FAT CONTENT WAS OLD DATA AND THAT THE PRESENT DATA
14 SHOWS THAT THEY HAVE HAD REDUCTIONS IN TERMS OF MARGARINE. SO
15 THAT, WHEN YOU LOOK AT YOUR MARGARINE PURCHASES, YOU WILL
16 PROBABLY FIND, IF YOU GET-- PARTICULARLY IF YOU GET SOFT TUBS,
17 THAT THEY HAVE NO TRANS FAT IN THEM.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER COMMENTS AT
20 THIS POINT? WE HAVE SOME MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE WHO WANT TO
21 BE HEARD.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D JUST LIKE TO COMMEND SUPERVISOR BURKE AND
24 DR. FIELDING. ALL OF THESE EFFORTS WILL ENABLE US TO HAVE A
25 HEALTHIER SOCIETY AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE VOLUNTARY



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1 COMPLIANCE AS, I GUESS, THE AUTHOR OF THE RATING SYSTEM FOR
2 RESTAURANTS, WE HAD A LOT OF OPPOSITION AT THE TIME BUT I KNOW
3 TODAY MANY OF THE RESTAURANTS SUPPORT THE GRADING SYSTEM
4 BECAUSE IT ENCOURAGES THEIR EMPLOYEES TO KEEP THEIR
5 RESTAURANTS CLEAN AND COMPETITIVE, IT UPGRADES THE QUALITY OF
6 SERVICE AND FOOD AND THIS VOLUNTARY EFFORT WILL AGAIN GIVE THE
7 PUBLIC ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO MAKE VALID DECISIONS AS IT
8 RELATES TO THEIR HEALTH AND IT'S EASIER TO HAVE PREVENTATIVE
9 HEALTH THAN TO SPEND DOLLAR AFTER DOLLAR AFTER DOLLAR TO CARE
10 FOR SOMEONE IN A CONVALESCENT HOME OR A HOSPITAL. SO THIS IS A
11 MAJOR STEP FORWARD AND HAVING THE COOPERATION FROM THE
12 RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION IS VERY, VERY POWERFUL IN EDUCATING OUR
13 PUBLIC AND HELPING THE PUBLIC AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE
14 CHILDREN HAVE A HEALTHIER DIET.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. DR. THOMAS PFEFFER, ROSA
17 SOTO, MATTHEW SHARP AND DR. CLAVREUL. YOU PASS? OKAY. THANK
18 YOU. SO WE HAVE THREE SPEAKERS. DR. PFEFFER?

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20 **SUP. BURKE:** DR. CLAVREUL'S NOT GOING TO SPEAK?

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22 **ED SHARP:** I'M NOT DR. PFEFFER BUT I HAVE WRITTEN REMARKS OF
23 THE HEART ASSOCIATION. HE HAD TO LEAVE SO HE'S LEFT HIS
24 REMARKS WITH ME.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, YOU CAN SUBMIT HIS WRITTEN
2 REMARKS FOR THE RECORD. I THINK THAT WOULD BE THE BEST THING
3 TO DO.

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5 **ED SHARP:** I'M ED SHARP.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE ROSA SOTO.
8 GOOD. GO AHEAD.

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10 **ROSA SOTO:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ROSA
11 SOTO AND I'M A REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR
12 PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCACY HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THE CENTER FOR
13 PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCACY APPLAUDS THE COUNTY BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR RECENT LEADERSHIP ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
15 ISSUES ASKING YOUR STAFF TO LOOK INTO POLICY OPPORTUNITIES
16 THAT THE COUNTY CAN TAKE ON SUCH ISSUES OF TRANS FAT AND MENU
17 LABELING. NUMEROUS STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT THE CONSUMPTION OF
18 TRANS FAT INCREASES THE RISK OF HEART DISEASE. RESEARCH HAS
19 ALSO SHOWN THAT, FOR ADULTS EATING OUT IN FAST FOOD
20 RESTAURANTS, ADULTS THAT EAT OUT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH HIGHER
21 CALORIC INTAKE AND HIGHER RATES OF OBESITY. CCPHA'S NEW STUDY,
22 SEARCHING FOR HEALTHY FOOD AND THE FOOD LANDSCAPE IN
23 CALIFORNIA CITIES AND COUNTIES, FOUND THAT, IN LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY, THERE ARE NEARLY FIVE TIMES AS MANY FAST-FOOD
25 RESTAURANTS AND CONVENIENCE STORES AS THERE ARE SUPERMARKETS



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1 AND PRODUCE VENDORS. HEALTHY FOOD IS LESS LIKELY TO BE
2 AVAILABLE AT FAST-FOOD RESTAURANTS AND CONVENIENCE STORES THAN
3 AT SUPERMARKETS AND PRODUCE STANDS. AND, FOR THAT REASON, WE
4 ASK-- YOU KNOW, WE APPLAUD YOUR LEADERSHIP. WE DID BRING
5 COPIES OF THE REPORT TO DISTRIBUTE TO YOU AS WELL. GIVEN THE
6 HIGH RATES OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
7 THE RELATIVE AVAILABILITY OF FOOD OUTLETS, OF THESE RETAIL
8 FOOD OUTLETS, THERE IS-- THAT ARE LESS LIKELY TO SELL THE
9 HEALTHY OPTIONS AND THE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, CCPHA STRONGLY
10 URGES THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PUSH FORWARD, TO
11 CONTINUE TO SEEK BOLD AND AGGRESSIVE OPPORTUNITIES, POLICY
12 OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT PEOPLE'S ABILITY TO LIVE HEALTHIER
13 LIVES. SO, AS YOU LOOK AT YOUR VOLUNTARY PROGRAM, WE ASK TO
14 ALSO TO OCCUR THAT NEW YORK TRIED THIS A YEAR AGO AND THAT
15 THEY PUSHED BEYOND THAT TO A POLICY, SO OUR HOPE IS THAT YOU
16 WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THIS POLICY AS WELL AS ADDRESS THE
17 STATE'S SEARCH FOR HOW TO ADDRESS THE TRANS FAT ISSUE. SO WE
18 URGE YOU TO LOOK AT THE TRANS FAT BILLS AT THE STATE
19 LEGISLATURE, IT CURRENTLY HAS IN PLACE AND SUPPORT THOSE
20 EFFORTS AND, AT A MINIMUM, WE URGE THE COUNTY BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT SB 120 BY SENATOR ALEX BADIA THAT
22 ADDRESSES LABELING AT FAST FOOD AND OTHER CHAIN RESTAURANTS AS
23 YOUR COUNTY BOARD-- PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT ASKS. I WORK
24 COLLABORATIVE WITH YOUR COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON AN
25 INITIATIVE CALLED HEALTHY EATING, ACTIVE COMMUNITIES AND, WITH



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1 THAT, I WORK WITH OVER 300 YOUTH AND PARENTS WHO ARE GRAVELY
2 CONCERNED ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND ARE ASKING FOR THE LEADERSHIP
3 OF POLICY MAKERS IN ADDRESSING THE TYPE OF FOOD AVAILABLE TO
4 THEIR CHILDREN AND TO FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. SHARP?

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8 **MATT SHARP:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MATT SHARP. I WORK WITH
9 CALIFORNIA FOOD POLICY ADVOCATES. WE'RE A NONPROFIT
10 ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS ON LOW INCOME NUTRITION AND HEALTH
11 ISSUES. WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT HEALTH DISPARITIES AND POVERTY
12 AND THE ROLE OF GOOD NUTRITION IN SUPPORTING HEALTHY LIVING.
13 I'M ALSO HERE WITH A COLLABORATIVE CALLED THE LOS ANGELES
14 COLLABORATIVE FOR HEALTHY, ACTIVE CHILDREN. AND WE WANT TO
15 MAKE A COUPLE OF VERY SIMPLE POINTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR YOU
16 ALL TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS PROGRESS TRANSLATES INTO REAL
17 CHANGES IN EATING BEHAVIOR. ONE NOTE. THE CITY COUNCIL ACTION
18 THIS MORNING TO SUPPORT THE VOLUNTARY BAN INCLUDED AN
19 AMENDMENT TO APPLY TRANS FAT RESTRICTIONS TO ALL FOODS SOLD
20 AND SERVED THROUGH CITY FACILITIES, PROGRAMS, CONTRACTORS, ET
21 CETERA. YOU ALL OUGHT TO CONSIDER LOOKING AT THAT AS AN
22 ADDENDUM TO YOUR FOOD POLICY ADOPTED THIS PAST AUGUST, A SMART
23 WAY TO REACH PUBLIC RESIDENTS AS WELL AS COUNTY EMPLOYEES.
24 ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE LOTS MORE STEPS FOR YOU ALL TO TAKE TO
25 MAKE HEALTHY EATING MORE AFFORDABLE AND EASIER FOR FAMILIES TO



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1 DO. THREE SIMPLE ONES THAT YOU ALL OUGHT TO INSTRUCT THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO GO BACK AND WORK ON, AS THEY'VE
3 RECOMMENDED IN THE REPORT, TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH LITERACY BY
4 INFORMING CONSUMERS AT THE POINT OF PURCHASE ABOUT PORTION
5 SIZES, CALORIC INTAKE. ALL OF THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN AT A MUCH
6 HIGHER LEVEL IF WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH OBESITY AND DIABETES,
7 WHICH WE THINK IS A PRIMARY MOTIVATOR FOR YOU ALL TO GET
8 INVOLVED IN TRYING TO LOWER HEALTHCARE COSTS. VERY COMPLICATED
9 TO CHANGE PUBLIC BEHAVIOR AND, THROUGH EDUCATION, WE CAN MAKE
10 A LITTLE PROGRESS. TWO OTHER STEPS TO TAKE. WE'VE GOT TO
11 REDUCE THE AVAILABILITY OF FAST FOOD IN THESE NEIGHBORHOODS
12 THROUGH WORKING WITH YOUR PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND DEVELOPING
13 SOME SENSIBLE RESTRICTIONS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE
14 COUNTY, YOU CAN MAKE IT A LITTLE LESS LIKELY THAT THE EASIEST
15 AND MOST AFFORDABLE CHOICE FOR FAMILIES IS HIGH CALORIES. THAT
16 IS THE LARGEST FACTOR IN THE CURRENT OBESITY DYNAMIC FOR MANY
17 OF THESE HOUSEHOLDS. THE CHEAPEST FOOD IS ALSO THE LEAST
18 HEALTHY FOR THEM. YOU ALL ALSO OUGHT TO INSTRUCT THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO WORK WITH ALL THE CITIES
20 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY TO TRY AND MAKE SOME PROGRESS IN
21 DEVELOPING THE RIGHT STRUCTURE AND BALANCE OF ZONING AND
22 PLANNING THAT WOULD ENCOURAGE GOOD RESTAURANTS THAT HAVE FRUIT
23 AND VEGETABLES AT AFFORDABLE PRICES ON THE MENUS. THIRD THING
24 TO DO IS TO MAKE PRODUCE MORE AFFORDABLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS.
25 YOUR CORNER STORES AND CONVENIENCE STORES PLAY A HUGE ROLE IN



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1 WHAT PEOPLE CHOOSE TO BUY AND WHAT KIDS CHOOSE TO SNACK. NEED
2 TO TAKE SOME STEPS TO MAKE IT MORE AFFORDABLE AND EASIER FOR
3 CONSUMERS, IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD CORNER STORES WHERE THEY GO
4 DAY IN AND DAY OUT, TO FIND FRUIT AND VEGETABLES AT A PRICE
5 THAT WILL ENCOURAGE THEM TO BUY THEM AND ULTIMATELY TO SHAPE
6 THEIR LIFELONG EATING PATTERNS. SO THOSE ARE STEPS YOU ALL
7 OUGHT TO TAKE, IN OUR VIEW, TO TAKE THE MOMENTUM AROUND TRANS
8 FATS AND THE ATTENTION THAT YOU'VE GATHERED HERE TODAY AND TO
9 EXTEND IT INTO LIFELONG HEALTH CHANGES THAT WILL HELP WITH THE
10 HEALTHCARE COSTS AND DIABETES PREVENTION HERE IN LOS ANGELES.
11 THANKS FOR YOUR TIME.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** AND I KNOW THE VENDORS ASSOCIATION ALSO HAS GIVEN
16 A STATEMENT THAT THEY ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH US THAT,
17 IN THEIR VENDING MACHINES, THEY WOULD CUT BACK ON ITEMS THAT
18 HAVE TRANS FATS AND THE VENDING MACHINE OPERATORS WHO HAVE
19 CONTRACTS WITH THE COUNTY HAVE COME FORWARD TO MAKE IT VERY
20 CLEAR.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS
23 NOW CLOSED.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** CANDY BARS HAVE NO TRANS FAT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, THEY DON'T.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? SO,
5 MS. BURKE, YOU HAVE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MR. ANTONOVICH.
6 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 28. FIRE DEPARTMENT.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIR, WE ALSO HAVE A SET ITEM FOR NOON, TOO.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES. WE'RE ALMOST THERE. THIS IS
13 JUST MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, SO LET'S...

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. BAXTER.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. BAXTER AND MERCEDES RIVERA.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD, MR. BAXTER.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. BAXTER, IF YOU COULD GO AHEAD AND
22 START, WE'RE TRYING TO GET AN INTERPRETER FOR MISS RIVERA.

23

24 **PETER BAXTER:** EXCUSE ME, I'M SORRY, I I DIDN'T QUITE GET YOU.

25



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IF YOU COULD GO AHEAD AND START. WE'RE
2 TRYING TO GET AN INTERPRETER FOR MERCEDES.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD AND BEGIN, MR. BAXTER.
5 YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND START.

6

7 **PETER BAXTER:** I WOULD LIKE, IF YOU DON'T MIND, SIR, TO LISTEN
8 TO WHAT MISS RIVERA SAYS AND THEN I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST TO
9 YOU, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I COULD CANCEL MY OBLIGATION
10 BECAUSE I THINK WHAT MISS RIVERA IS GOING TO SAY IS PROBABLY
11 WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE JUST WAITING FOR THE
14 INTERPRETER TO ARRIVE.

15

16 **PETER BAXTER:** OH, OH, OH, OH, OKAY.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HE'LL BE HERE VERY SHORTLY.

19

20 **PETER BAXTER:** I DON'T WANT TO COMPETE WITH MR. RIVERA. I WOULD
21 LIKE TO SUPPORT HER.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU WON'T BE COMPETING WITH HER.
24 IF YOU'D LIKE TO SAY COUPLE MINUTES GO AHEAD NOW.

25



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1 **PETER BAXTER:** OKAY. THANK YOU, SIR. MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF
2 YOUR HONORABLE BOARD, MR. JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY
3 NAME IS PETER BAXTER AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS
4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THAT A CANDLE BURNING IN A GLASS
5 CONTAINER WHICH IS OPEN AT THE TOP DEMONSTRATES PRECISELY THE
6 PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY OF MY PROPOSAL TO DENY HOSTILE FIRE
7 OXYGEN. FIRST, THERE IS THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE. IN THAT
8 PROCESS, A FLAME IS A APPLIED TO THE WICK OF THE CANDLE
9 WHEREUPON THE CANDLE IS IGNITED AND THE CANDLE'S WICK BURNS.
10 THE BURNING CANDLE DRAWS FRESH AIR INTO THE OPENING OF THE
11 GLASS CONTAINER AT THE TOP OF THE CANDLE. THAT IS THE RESULT
12 OF THE PHYSICS AND-- PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL REACTION WHICH
13 TAKES PLACE AT THE WICK OF THE CANDLE AS IT BURNS. THE WICK,
14 WHICH IS FUEL, COMBINES WITH THE OXYGEN AND THE FRESH AIR TO
15 PRODUCE A PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL CHANGE IN THE FUEL AND IN THE
16 OXYGEN. THAT CHANGE PRODUCES THE PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION, THAT
17 IS HEAT, LIGHT AND SMOKE, EVIDENCE OF COMBUSTION OR FIRE. FROM
18 EXPERIENCE, WE KNOW THAT PLACING A NONFLAMMABLE PAD OVER THE
19 TOP OF THE GLASS CONTAINER OF THE CANDLE SHALL PUT THE CANDLE
20 OUT WITHIN SECONDS. THAT ACTION PREVENTS FRESH AIR FROM
21 ENTERING THE GLASS CONTAINER. THE ONLY SOURCE OF OXYGEN FOR
22 THE BURNING CANDLE IS WHAT OXYGEN STILL REMAINS IN THE NOW
23 SEALED GLASS CONTAINER. NO FRESH AIR MAY ENTER THE SEALED
24 CONTAINER, THEREFORE NO OXYGEN MAY ENTER THE CONTAINER, NO
25 CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL REACTION MAY OCCUR BETWEEN THE OXYGEN



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1 AND THE FUEL. THE FIRE GOES OUT AND I'D LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW,
2 SIR, THAT THE CANDLE IDEA WAS CONTRIBUTED BY MISS MERCEDES
3 RIVERA AND IN MY OWN SENSE, I WISH TO-- ALL OF WHICH IS
4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND I THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MISS RIVERA, PLEASE. I
7 THOUGHT I JUST SAW HIM.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO. THAT WAS HER DEPUTY.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THOUGHT I SAW HIM. HE'S COMING
12 IN RIGHT NOW.

13

14 **PETER BAXTER:** YOU GO AHEAD AND TELL THEM IN SPANISH.

15

16 **MERCEDES RIVERA:** OKAY. IN SPANISH, MISTER? (SPEAKING SPANISH).

17

18 **INTERPRETER:** THE QUESTION IS, HOW CAN WE TURN OFF FIRE? BY
19 EXPERIENCE, WE KNOW CLOSING THE FIRE, IT WOULD TURN OFF IN A
20 MATTER OF SECONDS. WOULD REALIZE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO
21 CHEMICAL OR PHYSICAL REACTION BETWEEN OXYGEN AND THE GAS. BY
22 THAT MANNER, THE FIRE WOULD BE TURNED OFF. ONE QUESTION. THIS
23 HAS BEEN PUBLISHED FOR YEARS FOR MR. BAXTER. I WOULD LOVE TO
24 TAKE THIS INFORMATION PERSONALLY, VOLUNTARILY TO THE MORE



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1 PEOPLE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE. SHOULD I
2 REQUEST PERMISSION TO DO SO OR HOW SHOULD I MOVE FORWARD?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** REQUEST PERMISSION TO DO-- TO DO
5 WHAT? WHAT IS SHE TRYING TO DO?

6

7 **INTERPRETER:** I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH MORE
8 ENTITIES.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. YOU CAN MAKE COPIES OF
11 THAT AND WE'D BE HAPPY TO DISTRIBUTE IT TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
12 OR TO WHOMEVER ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE, OKAY? THANK YOU.

13

14 **MERCEDES RIVERA:** OKAY. GRACIAS. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED. APPROVE THE
19 ITEM.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS
22 WITHOUT OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPROVE THE ITEM.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU HAVE THE 12:00.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, WE HAVE A 12:00. I HAVE JUST
2 HAVE ONE AMENDMENT-- TWO BRIEF AMENDMENTS ON ITEM 14. CAN WE
3 JUST TAKE UP ITEM 14 FOR A SECOND? I WANT TO MOVE ON ITEM 14
4 THAT, UNDER THE COUNTY'S FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE POLICIES, WE ADD
5 A NEW SECTION, "S" TO CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO READ AS
6 FOLLOWS, "SUPPORT PROPOSALS THAT WOULD FULLY FUND SPECIAL
7 EDUCATION." MY STAFF IS CIRCULATING THOSE. AND THAT THE BOARD--
8 - AND A SECOND AMENDMENT IN THE HOUSING AND HOMELESS
9 ASSISTANCE SECTION, ADD ITEM "O" TO STATE, "SUPPORT PROPOSALS
10 TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO COLLECT DATA ON THE NUMBER AND
11 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION IN LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY". THOSE ARE MY TWO AMENDMENTS. KNABE SECONDS. ANY
13 OBJECTION? IF NOT, UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THE AMENDMENTS. ANY OTHER
14 AMENDMENTS TO ITEM 14? IF NOT, KNABE MOVES, ANTONOVICH
15 SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 11. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THAT MAY TAKE A LITTLE
20 TIME.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO TAKE THIS NOW?
25 OKAY. FINE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE NEED GLORIA.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I HAVE AN AMENDMENT ON
5 THIS ALSO SO, ACTUALLY, I HAVE A MOTION ON IT. GO AHEAD. TAKE
6 UP ITEM 11. DO WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO BE HEARD
7 ON ITEM 11? NO? ARE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE WEINGART CENTER
8 HERE? ALL RIGHT. WOULD YOU COME FORWARD? IS SUPERVISOR MOLINA
9 HERE? IS SUPERVISOR MOLINA COMING BACK? COULD YOU PLEASE
10 IDENTIFY YOURSELVES?

11

12 **GINA STOKES:** GOOD MORNING. I'M GINA STOKES FROM THE WEINGART
13 CENTER ASSOCIATION.

14

15 **TED SUTTON:** AND TED SUTTON FROM THE WEINGART CENTER
16 ASSOCIATION.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND WHAT ARE YOUR POSITIONS WITH
19 THE WEINGART?

20

21 **TED SUTTON:** I'M VICE-PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY
22 AFFAIRS.

23

24 **GINA STOKES:** I'M CHIEF FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU KNOW WHAT THE REASON THIS
2 WHOLE THING HAS BEEN HELD UP FOR THIS LONG, ASIDE FROM THE
3 STICKER SHOCK ON THIS ORIGINALLY WAS THE ISSUE, AT LEAST FOR
4 ME, WAS HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT THAT YOU
5 HAD WAS NOT GOING TO BE RECURRING AND THAT YOU WOULD NOT BE
6 COMING BACK TO THE COUNTY FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN THE FUTURE?
7 BECAUSE ORIGINALLY WE ASKED THAT THIS BE SHARED WITH THE CITY,
8 THE FINANCIAL BAIL-OUT, IF YOU WILL, THAT YOU HAD AND IT
9 HASN'T BEEN SHARED WITH THE CITY. THE CITY IS CLAIMING THAT
10 THE MONEY IT GIVES YOU THROUGH GRANTS AND OTHER THINGS,
11 HOUSING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, BLOCK GRANTS IS THEIR SHARE.
12 THEY'VE MADE NOT ONE PENNY OF A GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTION. WE
13 ALSO MAKE A LOT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUR AGENCY THROUGH THE
14 MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND LORD KNOWS WHAT OTHER
15 DEPARTMENTS. WE DIDN'T CLAIM CREDIT FOR THAT SO, REALLY, AT
16 SOME POINT, AGENCIES CAN'T, IN MY OPINION, CAN'T DEPEND ON THE
17 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ESPECIALLY AGENCIES IN DOWNTOWN LOS
18 ANGELES, COMING TO THE COUNTY TO GET GENERAL FUND CHECKS TO
19 BAIL THEM OUT OF A FINANCIALLY MISMANAGED SITUATION OR
20 WHATEVER WAS THE CAUSE OF IT. SO I'M BEING PARTICULARLY HARSH
21 BECAUSE, AS I TOLD YOU IN-- SOME OF THE OTHER REPS WERE IN MY
22 OFFICE, I HAVE A LOT OF AGENCIES THAT ARE HAVING FINANCIAL
23 PROBLEMS AND, WHEN THEY COME TO ME AND SAY, "WE'D LIKE SOME
24 MONEY", I TELL THEM, "NO, WE CAN'T DO THAT" AND I'M GOING TO
25 HAVE TROUBLE NOW EXPLAINING WHY I SAY "NO" TO THEM BUT WE SAID



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1 "YES" TO THE WEINGART CENTER. AND SO WHAT I WAS ASKING FROM
2 YOUR FOLKS IS-- AND FROM YOU IS WHAT CAN YOU TELL US TODAY
3 THAT WILL ASSURE US THAT YOU WILL NOT BE BACK-- THAT, NUMBER
4 ONE, THAT YOU HAVE SOLVED YOUR FINANCIAL, STRUCTURAL FINANCIAL
5 PROBLEM? AND THAT YOU WILL NOT BE BACK THIS YEAR OR IN
6 SUBSEQUENT YEARS ASKING FOR THE COUNTY TO PLUG A HOLE IN A
7 STRUCTURAL OR OTHER KIND OF DEFICIT? SO PLEASE GO AHEAD.

8

9 **GINA STOKES:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE
10 WEINGART CENTER ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE
11 CONSIDERATION OF THE 900,000-DOLLAR GRANT TO SUPPORT OUR
12 CONTINUING OPERATIONS.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAN YOU MOVE THE MIKE CLOSER?

15

16 **GINA STOKES:** TO SUPPORT OUR CONTINUING OPERATIONS AND TO HELP
17 SUPPORT SUFFICIENCY IN THE SKID ROW COMMUNITY. WE HAVE
18 RECENTLY RECEIVED A NEW CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
19 REHABILITATION GRANT WHICH WILL ASSIST US WITH THE BEDS THAT
20 WE HAD LOST IN SEPTEMBER 2005. THAT WAS-- THE BEDS WE LOST IN
21 SEPTEMBER 2005 WAS 142 BED PROGRAM. WE HAVE NOW JUST RECENTLY
22 BEEN AWARDED 167 BED PROGRAM. AND ALSO WE HAVE AGGRESSIVE
23 DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS THAT WILL ASSIST US WITH NOT HAVING A
24 STRUCTURAL DEFICIT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND WHAT IF THOSE DEVELOPMENT
2 EFFORTS DON'T REACH THE GOAL THAT YOU SET FOR YOURSELVES, THEN
3 WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

4

5 **GINA STOKES:** WE DO PLAN TO DECREASE-- FURTHER DECREASE COSTS,
6 STAFFING AND ALSO DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND ALSO OTHER
7 OPERATING ITEMS.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO ARE YOU COMMITTING TO THE BOARD
10 THAT YOU WILL NOT-- IF YOU DO NOT MEET YOUR DEVELOPMENT GOALS,
11 YOUR FUNDRAISING GOALS, TO BE VERY SPECIFIC, AND YOU STILL
12 HAVE A HOLE IN YOUR BUDGET, THAT YOU WILL NOT COME BACK AND
13 ASK THE COUNTY FOR GENERAL FUND MONEY?

14

15 **GINA STOKES:** YES. ON BEHALF OF THE WEINGART CENTER ASSOCIATION
16 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, I WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT THE 900,000
17 GRANT IS A ONE-TIME GRANT TO WCA AND WE WILL NOT SOLICIT THE
18 COUNTY IN THE FUTURE FOR EMERGENCY FUNDS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO
19 APPLY FOR OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY,
20 THOUGH.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OF COURSE. BUT IT'S THE ONE-TIME
23 FUNDS, THE EMERGENCY FUNDS CAUSED BY THE MISMANAGEMENT OR THE
24 LACK OF SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING, I DON'T WANT TO ATTRIBUTE IT
25 ALL TO MISMANAGEMENT, BUT EVERY NONPROFIT AGENCY HAS THIS



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1 PROBLEM AND NOT ALL OF THEM ARE THE WEINGART FOUNDATION-- THE
2 WEINGART CENTER FUNDED BY THE WEINGART FOUNDATION, SO-- ALL
3 RIGHT. MR. KNABE.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** C.A.O., CAN THIS BE STRUCTURED AS A LOAN SOMEHOW?

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR, AS A PRACTICAL
8 MATTER, I ASSUME IT PROBABLY COULD BE BUT, GIVEN THE CONDITION
9 OF THE BUDGET, I DON'T KNOW THAT IT MAKES ANY SENSE. I THINK
10 THIS IS TO KEEP THEM ALIVE THIS YEAR AND HOPEFULLY THE
11 CONTRACT WILL HELP THEM GOING FORWARD BUT WE DON'T THINK THEY
12 HAVE MONEY TO REPAY A LOAN.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I JUST HAVE THE SAME CONCERN THAT ZEV DOES
15 AND WE HAVE MANY OTHER AGENCIES CONFRONTING US ALL THE TIME
16 WITH THE SAME ISSUE, WE LOST THIS, WE DID THIS, PARTICULARLY
17 IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS, THIS IS AN AREA WHERE THEY
18 DEFINITELY NEED THE BEDS AND WE WANT TO HELP AS MUCH AS WE
19 POSSIBLY CAN. BUT ALSO SOMEWHAT FRUSTRATED BY THE CITY NOT
20 STEPPING TO THE PLATE, AS WELL, TOO. YOU KNOW, THEY MADE A BIG
21 DEAL OUT OF WHAT THEY WERE DOING AND, YOU KNOW, ALL THAT KIND
22 OF THING AND HERE THEY HAVE A SITUATION IN THEIR OWN BACKYARD
23 AND THEY WEREN'T THERE TO HELP BUT YET THEY KEEP POUNDING US
24 FOR ASSISTANCE. SO, YOU KNOW, I THINK, AGAIN, WE NEED TO
25 SUPPORT THEM AND I WANT TO DO THAT BUT I THINK WE'RE ALL GOING



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1 TO HAVE A PROBLEM IN OUR VARIOUS DISTRICTS AS IT RELATES TO,
2 YOU KNOW, NOT THE UNIQUENESS, BECAUSE IT'S CERTAINLY NOT
3 UNIQUE, TO OTHER AGENCIES PROVIDING THE SAME KIND OF SERVICE.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? MR.
6 ANTONOVICH?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY AGENCIES RECEIVED LOANS, MR.
9 JANSSEN?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** FROM THE GENERAL FUND?

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DON'T-- I DON'T THINK WE-- I MEAN,
14 GENERALLY, WE DON'T LOAN MONEY TO ANYBODY.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. SO WHY SHOULD WE MAKE AN EXCEPTION
17 HERE?

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD. [LAUGHTER]

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, HOW MANY AGENCIES RECEIVE
22 \$900,000 BAILOUTS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR BECAUSE THEY'RE
23 SHORT OF THEIR FUNDRAISING GOALS OUT OF OUR GENERAL FUND? ARE
24 YOU AWARE OF ANY, DAVID? IT'S A SERIOUS QUESTION. I KNOW OF
25 NONE.



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, PROBABLY NOT OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND
3 UNLESS IT'S MENTAL HEALTH, CBOS. THERE MAY BE INSTANCES WHERE
4 THIS HAPPENS BUT IT'S NOT FREQUENT AND WE DON'T LIKE TO DO IT,
5 THAT'S FOR SURE.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT WE GENERALLY DON'T DO IT FOR
8 ONE AGENCY. IF WE DO IT, WE DO IT FOR A CATEGORY OF AGENCIES
9 THAT HAVE ALL BEEN HIT BY A CUT IN STATE FUNDING OR SOMETHING
10 LIKE THAT.

11

12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. YOU'RE EXPOSING YOURSELF TO THE KINDS
13 OF REQUESTS THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND THE LOAN IDEA, I WAS INTRIGUED
16 BY THE IDEA, TOO, BUT, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, DON, THEY'RE NOT
17 GOING TO BE ABLE TO REPAY THE LOAN, SO WE'RE JUST SETTING THEM
18 UP FOR FAILURE IF WE LOAN IT. THAT'S WHY I WAS FOCUSED MORE ON
19 THE-- FINDING OUT WHAT THEY WERE DOING-- WHAT THEY HAD DONE IN
20 THIS FISCAL YEAR TO CLOSE THE GAP, WHICH THEY'VE GOTTEN THE
21 STATE CONTRACT AND I'M TOLD THAT YOU NOW-- IT'S NOT JUST A
22 LETTER OF INTENT BUT THE CONTRACT HAS ACTUALLY BEEN SIGNED. SO
23 YOU'RE FIXED ON THAT ONE FOR THE NEXT, WHAT, THREE YEARS? AND
24 THAT WAS THE BIGGEST CHUNK OF MONEY AND THE OTHER THING I WANT
25 IS JUST A COMMITMENT THAT YOU WOULDN'T BE BACK NO MATTER WHAT



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1 HAPPENS. YOU DON'T MEET YOUR FUNDRAISING GOALS, YOU'LL CUT,
2 YOU'RE NOT GOING TO COME BACK TO US, BECAUSE WHAT THIS MEANS
3 TO US IS SOME OTHER FUNCTION THAT WE PROVIDE WILL GO \$900,000
4 SHORT, WHATEVER IT IS. AT SOME POINT, THAT MONEY WOULD HAVE
5 BEEN USED FOR SOME COUNTY SERVICE AND IT WON'T BE AVAILABLE TO
6 US. SO I'M-- REALLY RELUCTANTLY, YOU KNOW, BASED ON THIS SET
7 OF DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAS OCCURRED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS OR
8 WEEKS, PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH IT BUT I'M HOLDING MY NOSE SO
9 HARD THAT THE CARTILAGE IS CRACKING.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** WE UNDERSTAND.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. BURKE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CITY HAS A RESPONSIBILITY
16 AND THE CITY'S CONSTANTLY TALKING ABOUT US NOT TAKING OUR
17 RESPONSIBILITY BUT I FELT THAT THIS WAS A SITUATION WHERE,
18 FIRST OF ALL, THEY HAD BEEN OPERATING THE STATE CONTRACT,
19 THERE WAS A SECESSION OF THE CONTRACT WHICH CAUSED A BIG GAP
20 AND WE'RE TRYING TO DO SOME THINGS FOR THE HOMELESS, WE'RE
21 TRYING TO ELIMINATE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS AND IT'S BEEN ONE OF
22 OUR PRIORITIES AND I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW YOU'RE REAL RELUCTANT.
23 I AGREE. BUT I FELT THAT WE JUST-- DID WE REALLY WANT TO LOSE
24 THESE SERVICES? AND KEEPING IN MIND THAT ELIMINATING
25 HOMELESSNESS AND PROVIDING GREATER SERVICES IS A HIGH PRIORITY



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1 AND I KNOW THAT SOME PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE WE SHOULD PROVIDE
2 THESE KINDS OF SERVICES IN SKID ROW BUT SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO
3 PROVIDE THEM WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE AND I WOULD MOVE THIS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR AND I THINK
8 YOU WERE CLEAR BUT I WANT TO JUST REEMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS NOT
9 AN ENHANCED SERVICE, THIS IS KEEPING THE STATUS QUO AND THAT'S
10 THE OTHER PART THAT REALLY STICKS IN MY CRAW, IS THAT THIS IS
11 COMING OUT OF A-- WE'VE SET ASIDE FUNDS TO TRY TO ENHANCE
12 SERVICES TO HOMELESS. THIS ISN'T ENHANCING SERVICES TO ONE
13 HOMELESS PERSON. IT'S JUST CONTINUING THE LEVEL OF SERVICE
14 THAT HAS EXISTED AT THIS FACILITY FOR AWHILE, FOR A LONG TIME
15 AND IT'S RUN INTO TROUBLE. SO, NOW, WE'LL JUST BE THAT MUCH
16 FARTHER BEHIND AND THIS IS NOT A PROGRAMMATIC DOLLAR THAT
17 WE'RE PUTTING IN HERE, THIS IS GENERAL FUND DOLLARS. THIS
18 COULD BE USED FOR ANYTHING IN THE COUNTY. IT'S NOT MENTAL
19 HEALTH MONEY, IT'S NOT CHILD WELFARE MONEY, IT'S WELFARE
20 MONEY, IT'S NOT PUBLIC HEALTH MONEY, IT'S NOT HEALTH
21 DEPARTMENT MONEY, IT'S NONE OF THAT, IT'S NOT CDGB MONEY, IT'S
22 GENERAL FUND MONEY, WHICH MEANS IT COULD STAFF MORE DEPUTIES
23 IN THE JAIL, IT COULD BUILD A PARK IN UNINCORPORATED AREA. YOU
24 COULD DO A LOT OF THINGS, BUT I JUST-- I THINK THIS IS A--



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1 WELL, I'VE ALREADY SAID MY PIECE. MS. MOLINA, DID YOU WANT TO-
2 - THERE'S A MOTION AND A SECOND.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DID BUT I'M SORRY THAT I WAS OUT OF THE ROOM
5 BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW. DID YOU ALREADY GO THROUGH THIS WHOLE
6 THING?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE'S AN ASSURANCE THEY'RE NOT COMING BACK?
11 YES?

12

13 **GINA STOKES:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THIS WHOLE ISSUE ABOUT THE CITY PAYING THEIR
16 PORTION?

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE BROUGHT THAT UP.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO? I'M SORRY. WHY
21 DON'T YOU PROVIDE THE ANSWER. YOU DIDN'T QUALIFY UNDER THE
22 CITY'S PROGRAM?

23

24 **GINA STOKES:** WHAT CITY PROGRAM?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I THINK IT'S THE CITY YOU'RE IN.

2

3 **GINA STOKES:** WE DIDN'T QUALIFY FOR A PROGRAM?

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** ARE YOU GOING TO GET FUNDED BY THE CITY OF LOS
6 ANGELES?

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8 **GINA STOKES:** NO.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY NOT?

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12 **GINA STOKES:** WE REQUESTED FUNDS FROM THE CITY...

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY ARE YOU DOUBLE TALKING TO ME? LOOK, I'VE
15 ASKED YOU VERY CLEARLY. YOU DIDN'T QUALIFY. YOU DID NOT
16 QUALIFY. THEY DIDN'T ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSAL, THEY THREW IT OUT,
17 YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET FUNDED BY THE CITY OF L.A.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MAKE SURE SHE KNOWS WHAT YOU'RE
20 TALKING ABOUT.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I'M NOT SO SURE. I MEAN, WASN'T THE IDEA--
23 I'M SORRY TO BE LATE TO THIS THING BUT I THOUGHT ONE OF THE
24 SOLUTIONS WAS, AS THIS WAS BEING WORKED OUT, WAS THAT THERE
25 WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SHARING AS FAR AS REVENUE COMING INTO THE



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1 ORGANIZATION. LOOK, WE'RE ALL INTERESTED IN THIS ORGANIZATION
2 SUCCEEDING AND GETTING TO GOAL AND I THINK WE HAVE BEEN MORE
3 THAN GENEROUS AND HELPFUL, INCLUDING MYSELF AS WELL AS MANY OF
4 MY COLLEAGUES HERE. THE ISSUE IS THAT THIS ORGANIZATION KEEPS
5 COMING BACK AND SHORTCHANGING US, SO IT SAYS "YES" TO US ONE
6 DAY AND DOESN'T ACT IT OUT THE NEXT DAY, SO I'M SO SORRY. I
7 MEAN, I DON'T KNOW-- I MEAN, THE ISSUE WAS, AS I UNDERSTOOD
8 AND CORRECT ME IF I AM WRONG, THAT THE CITY WAS SUPPOSED TO
9 CREATE SOME FUNDING AND GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY, THEY WERE
10 GOING TO PROVIDE REVENUE TO THE TUNE OF 1.6 MILLION, IS THAT
11 INCORRECT? IS THAT INCORRECT?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** I DID NOT KNOW THAT THE CITY WAS PLANNING TO FUND
14 THEM. I KNOW THAT THEY WERE WAITING FOR A STATE CONTRACT, WE
15 WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT STATE CONTRACT WAS THERE OR ELSE
16 THEY WERE PROBABLY GOING TO REALLY GO UNDER.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHEN THIS CAME UP THE LAST TIME, I
19 RAISED THE ISSUE OF THE SHARING ARRANGEMENT. I THINK THAT'S
20 WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M REFERRING TO.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE CITY'S ARGUMENT WAS, AND I
25 MENTIONED THIS BEFORE YOU ARRIVED, SO-- BUT I'LL REPEAT IT



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1 BECAUSE IT'S WORTH GETTING THIS STRAIGHT. THE CITY'S RESPONSE
2 WAS, "WE ALREADY CONTRIBUTE A LOT OF MONEY TO THE WEINGART
3 THROUGH OUR CDBG MONEY, ET CETERA, AND ALL THESE OTHER FEDERAL
4 FUNDED, STATE FUNDED SOURCES". TO WHICH MY RESPONSE WAS,
5 "WELL, WE ALSO CONTRIBUTE A LOT TO THE WEINGART CENTER THROUGH
6 OUR MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND OUR CHILD WELFARE, WHATEVER
7 DEPARTMENT SERVICES WE DO." THE CITY WAS NOT WILLING TO PUT
8 UP, AS FAR AS I KNOW AND, FRANKLY, I DON'T KNOW HOW HARD OUR
9 C.A.O.'S OFFICE PRESSED THEM ON IT. I THINK THEY BASICALLY
10 BOUGHT THIS WHOLE STORY HOOK, LINE AND SINKER AND THERE WASN'T
11 A LOT OF HARD AND TOUGH NEGOTIATING WITH THE CITY. AND ASKED
12 THE CITY IF THEY WOULD PARTICIPATE AND GUESS WHAT THE CITY
13 SAID? OUT OF THEIR GENERAL FUND, THEY SAID, "NO, THEY DON'T
14 HAVE ANY MONEY", EVEN THOUGH THEY JUST RAISED THE GARBAGE
15 COLLECTION FEE IN THE CITY BY THREE-FOLD.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THEY DIDN'T QUALIFY
18 THEIR PROPOSAL.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE, I THINK.
21 I DON'T-- I'M NOT-- THIS WAS GENERAL FUND MONEY. I HAVEN'T
22 HEARD ABOUT A PROPOSAL. SHE MAY BE TALKING ABOUT L.A.H.S.A.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** I HADN'T HEARD-- OH, YOU MEAN REFERRING TO THE
25 STATE PROPOSAL?



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, SHE'S TALKING ABOUT C.D.B.G. L.A.H.S.A.
3 AND I THINK THEY DO NEED TO ADDRESS THAT. THAT WAS WHAT YOU
4 WERE TALKING ABOUT IS THE C.D.B.G. LOSS OF APPLICATION, THE
5 1.9 MILLION AND THE STATUS OF THAT.

6

7 **GINA STOKES:** THE STATUS, WE ARE REVIEWING AND REVISING OUR
8 ORIGINAL C.B.D.O. QUALIFICATION SUBMISSION AND IT'S DUE
9 FEBRUARY 6TH, SO WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING THAT NOW. AS
10 FAR AS I KNOW, WE ARE NOT DISQUALIFIED. WE'RE IN THE PROCESS
11 OF AMENDING WHAT WE HAD ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THAT'S OUR INFORMATION AS
14 WELL.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE CITY ISSUED A NEW R.F.P. AND WEINGART WAS NOT
17 RECOMMENDED. YOU COMPETED FOR THAT R.F.P.?

18

19 **GINA STOKES:** I HAVE NOT RECEIVED THAT NOTICE. I HAVE NOT
20 RECEIVED THAT NOTICE.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU DIDN'T COMPETE FOR AN R.F.P. IN THE CITY?

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1 **GINA STOKES:** WE HAVE-- WE ARE COMPETING FOR AN R.F.P. WITH THE
2 CITY. I HAVE NOT RECEIVED A NOTICE THAT SAYS WE ARE NOT-- WE
3 ARE DISQUALIFIED.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK YOU'RE APPEALING IT NOW,
6 AREN'T YOU?

7

8 **GINA STOKES:** YES.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THEN, YOU DIDN'T QUALIFY. WHY IS THIS--
11 WHAT AM I NOT UNDERSTANDING HERE?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T BEEN
14 ULTIMATELY REJECTED. I THINK THEY'RE TRYING TO...

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, BUT YOU'RE REJECTED WHEN YOU'RE REJECTED.
17 IF YOU'RE APPEALING, THAT MEANS SOMEBODY SAYS "NO" TO YOU AND
18 YOU'RE APPEALING IT TO A HIGHER BODY. THAT STILL MEANS YOU'RE
19 NOT QUALIFIED.

20

21 **TED SUTTON:** THERE ARE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF PROCESSING...

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT LET ME UNDERSTAND CLEARLY. SO FAR YOU HAVE
24 NOT RECEIVED A RECOMMENDATION FOR THAT MONEY?

25



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1 **TED SUTTON:** NO. SEVEN AGENCIES HAVE SUBMITTED APPLICATION FOR
2 THAT. FIVE OF THEM HAVE TO GO BACK AND RESUBMIT BASED UPON
3 SOME CHANGING REQUIREMENTS, PREREQUIREMENTS THAT H.U.D.
4 IMPOSED ON THAT MONEY AND WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING THAT
5 AND HAVE UNTIL FEBRUARY 6TH TO DO THAT, WHICH REQUIRES SOME
6 SHIFTING AND REARRANGING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BECAUSE OF
7 THE REQUIREMENTS.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN THAT'S A DIFFERENT ANSWER. SO THEN YOU DID
10 GET QUALIFIED UNDER SOME KIND OF SPECIAL CONDITIONS, IS THAT
11 CORRECT?

12

13 **TED SUTTON:** THE QUALIFICATION PROCESS IS ONGOING. THEY HAVE
14 DIFFERENT TIERS OF PROCESSING OF THE APPLICATION.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO YOU'RE NOT APPEALING IT-- YOU'RE NOT APPEALING
17 IT, NECESSARILY. THEY CAME BACK TO YOU AND SAID, WE MIGHT BE
18 ABLE TO FUND YOU IF YOU DID THE FOLLOWING THINGS.

19

20 **TED SUTTON:** ABSOLUTELY.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO YOU'RE NOT APPEALING IT.

23

24 **TED SUTTON:** WE'RE NOT APPEALING IT. WE ARE STILL IN THE
25 PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR IT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THEN THE CITY MIGHT BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU THESE
3 ADDITIONAL FUNDS?

4

5 **TED SUTTON:** YES. WE'RE WORKING VERY HARD WITH THEM ON THIS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE CDBG FUNDS OR WHATEVER THEY'RE
8 CALLED.

9

10 **TED SUTTON:** IT'S C.D.B.G. AND THERE ARE CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS
11 AS AN ORGANIZATION WHICH ARE CALLED C.D.B.O. THAT YOU HAVE TO
12 QUALIFY IN ORDER TO GET THE C.D.B.G. MONEY AND AFTER, WHAT, 10
13 YEARS OF HAVING THAT CONTRACT, THE REQUIREMENTS HAVE CHANGED.
14 AND SO ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE RECEIVING THAT MONEY
15 HAVE TO SHIFT HOW THEY QUALIFY FOR THAT POOL OF FUNDS AND
16 THAT'S WHAT WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE OTHER IMPORTANT THING I THINK
19 MS. MOLINA NEEDS TO HEAR, BECAUSE SHE WAS OUT OF THE ROOM WHEN
20 YOU SAID IT, IS THAT IF, FOR SOME REASON YOU DON'T GET ANY OF
21 THIS MONEY, IF YOU DON'T QUALIFY, IF THEY DON'T GIVE YOU
22 MONEY, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE COMING BACK HERE ASKING US TO
23 MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE, IS THAT CORRECT?

24

25 **TED SUTTON:** CORRECT, AS STATED IN OUR LETTER TO YOU AS WELL.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** UNLESS THEY GET A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO
3 SAYS, "I'M NOT THE ONE THAT MADE THAT COMMITMENT."

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, THIS TAPE IS GOING TO LAST
6 AWHILE.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** I THINK WE HAVE A LONG MEMORY. WE'RE NOT GOING TO
9 GO THROUGH THIS AGAIN.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW AND WE DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH IT BUT I
12 GUESS A LOT OF THE ISSUES IS THAT IT'S STILL NOT VERY
13 COMFORTING AND EVEN LOOKING AT IT PROSPECTIVELY AS TO WHAT'S
14 GOING TO HAPPEN THAT THIS IS NOT GOING TO SINK AND THAT'S I
15 GUESS THE PROBLEM I HAVE. I MEAN, SURE, THE \$450,000 IS GOING
16 TO PROVIDE SERVICES. WE'RE NOT SAYING YOU DON'T PROVIDE
17 SERVICES BUT YOU CAN'T FINANCIALLY MANAGE THIS ORGANIZATION.
18 IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT IT'S NOT BEING FINANCIALLY WELL MANAGED.
19 EVEN THE FUNDRAISING EXPECTATION, WHILE VERY GENEROUS, WHAT, A
20 THIRD OF THAT'S GOING TO COME IN, MAYBE?

21

22 **TED SUTTON:** WELL, I HOPE A LARGER PERCENTAGE THAN THAT.

23



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE ALL HOPE A HUNDRED PERCENT BUT WE KNOW THAT'S
2 NOT THE CASE. SO IF ONLY A THIRD COMES IN, YOU WILL NOT--
3 YOU'LL SINK, RIGHT?

4

5 **TED SUTTON:** WELL, I WOULDN'T SAY THAT WE WOULD SINK IF A THIRD
6 DOESN'T COME IN BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER COST REDUCTION ITEMS
7 THAT WE COULD TAKE TO...

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THAT'S THE OTHER ISSUE, IS THAT IT SEEMS AS
10 THOUGH, WHEN YOU HAVE SHRINKING REVENUES, AND I KNOW THESE ARE
11 TOUGH DECISIONS. I'M ON THIS BOARD AND I'VE HAD TO MAKE TOUGH
12 DECISIONS. I HAVE ORGANIZATIONS OUT THERE THAT HAVE MADE TOUGH
13 DECISIONS AND THEY COME TO ME ALL THE TIME AND ASK TO BE MADE
14 WHOLE BY SOME REASON, THIS OR THAT. YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE,
15 OKAY? I HOPE THAT THE COUNTY WILL BE EQUALLY AS GENEROUS IN
16 OTHER AREAS IN THIS REGARD. WE TELL THEM THEY HAVE TO CUT
17 BACK. YEAH, YOU'VE BEEN PROVIDING ALL THESE SERVICES BUT NOW
18 YOU CAN'T. NOW YOU HAVE TO CUT BACK THOSE COUNSELORS AND NOW
19 YOU HAVE TO CUT BACK ON THIS AND WE TRY AND RECONFIGURE A
20 FINANCIAL PLAN AND I'M NOT SO SURE YOU ALL THAT.

21

22 **GINA STOKES:** YES, WE HAVE.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, YOU'VE HAD TO NOW BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN
25 PUSHING NOW I THINK HERE FOR ALMOST A YEAR BUT IT HASN'T BEEN



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1 A VOLUNTARY THING ON YOUR PART I'M VERY NERVOUS ABOUT IT IN
2 THE FUTURE. AND THEN, I MEAN, I UNDERSTAND THAT THESE ARE
3 IMPORTANT SERVICES BUT WE WANT TO FUND AN ORGANIZATION THAT'S
4 GOING TO STAND SOLID AND IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO DIVERSIFY ITS
5 FUNDING AND CANNOT RELY ON JUST ONE CONTRACT BUT, I MEAN, I'M
6 VERY CONCERNED THAT WE WILL SEE YOU HERE AGAIN AND IN THE SAME
7 CIRCUMSTANCES. I PREFER NOT TO, BECAUSE I THINK THIS BOARD IS
8 BEING VERY GENEROUS FROM ITS GENERAL FUND TO PROVIDE ALMOST A
9 HALF A MILLION DOLLARS TO BAIL OUT AND HOPEFULLY THAT MIGHT
10 GIVE THE CITY AND OTHER FUNDING AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE STATE,
11 TO JOIN AND BUILD BACK THE STABILITY OF THIS ORGANIZATION. IT
12 HAS PROVIDED VALUABLE SERVICES FOR A LONG TIME BUT WE'RE
13 REALLY CONCERNED, I'VE BEEN REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
14 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION. AS GOOD AS SERVICES
15 ARE, IF YOU CAN'T FISCALLY MANAGE AN ORGANIZATION, IT JUST
16 CAN'T STAND. IT WILL FALL APART AND WE'VE SEEN THAT TIME AND
17 TIME AGAIN. WE HAVE HAD PEOPLE IN HERE THAT ARE UNBELIEVABLE
18 COUNSELORS IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND IN OTHER AREAS BUT,
19 FINANCIALLY, THEY COULDN'T OPERATE, SO THESE PEOPLE ALL LOST
20 THEIR JOBS, ALL THOSE FAMILIES THOSE COUNSELORS AND SO ON BUT
21 WE HAVE A DUTY TO TAXPAYERS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN ASSURE
22 THEM THAT THERE IS FINANCIAL STABILITY IN THE ORGANIZATIONS.
23 NOW, GRANTED, WE CAN'T FUND EVERYTHING YOU WANT ALL OF THE
24 TIME BUT, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THAT AND BELIEVE ME, WE'RE
25 IN THE SAME SITUATION WHERE WE HAVE A DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW OF



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1 HEALTH SERVICES THAT'S IN A DEFICIT SITUATION BECAUSE WE WANT
2 TO PROVIDE MANY MORE SERVICES THAN, UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN'T
3 AFFORD TO DO AT THIS POINT IN TIME. AND SO WE'RE TRYING TO
4 WORK OUT THAT SOLUTION AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. BUT, AGAIN, THERE
5 HAS TO BE SOME ASSURANCES TO US AND I AM HOPEFUL THAT WE ARE
6 GOING-- THAT THIS IS REALLY GOING TO PROVIDE THE KIND OF FIX
7 THAT YOU NEED FOR LONG-TERM BUT WE'RE RELYING ON YOU, YOU
8 KNOW? AT ONE POINT, THIS WAS GOING TO BE ONLY A LOAN, WHICH I
9 THOUGHT MAYBE WOULD HAVE BEEN A BETTER APPROACH BUT, AT THAT
10 POINT, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GET THE MONEY BACK AT ALL ANYWAY
11 IF IT DOESN'T SUCCEED, SO WE WANT IT TO SUCCEED. BUT I DO HAVE
12 RESERVATIONS ABOUT IT AND I AM HOPEFUL, AS I THINK MY
13 COLLEAGUES ARE, THAT WE WANT TO NEVER SEE THIS UP AGAIN.
14 INSTEAD WE'D LIKE TO SEE A HEALTHY, THRIVING ORGANIZATION THAT
15 CONTINUES TO COMPETE FOR FUNDING WITHIN VARIOUS FUNDING POOLS
16 THAT WE HAVE IN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND CAN SUCCEED.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND.
19 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WE
20 HAVE A SPECIAL ORDER AT 12:00. IT'S NOW 12:40. THE AUDITOR OF
21 PUBLIC HEALTH, COULD WE HAVE THEM BOTH UP HERE? ALL RIGHT.
22 WHO'S GOING TO START? TYLER?

23

24 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD
25 AFTERNOON. I JUST HAVE A FEW COMMENTS TO MAKE AND THEN I'LL BE



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1 HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR REPORT. MY NAME IS
2 TYLER MCCAULEY, I'M THE COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND WITH ME
3 FROM THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE IS DEWIT ROBERTS, DIVISION
4 CHIEF. ON SEPTEMBER 19TH, YOUR BOARD, ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR
5 KNABE, DIRECTED THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, AMONG OTHER MATTERS,
6 TO REPORT BACK ON THE FAILED PROTOCOLS THAT DELAYED
7 NOTIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER OF THE AUGUST 8TH,
8 2006 RAW SEWAGE SPILL INTO THE COUNTY BEACHES. THE REPORT WE
9 ISSUED ON JANUARY 24TH OF '07 IS ABOUT SEWAGE SPILLS AND THE
10 PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT WHEN THE
11 SPILLS OCCUR. THE REPORT RECOMMENDS-- RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDE
12 A ROAD MAP TOWARD GREATLY IMPROVING OUR REGION'S ABILITY TO
13 REDUCE SEWAGE SPILLS AND PROVIDE THE TIMELINESS IN WHICH THE
14 SPILLS ARE DETECTED AND REPORT IT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER
15 SO THAT THEIR IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT
16 IS MINIMIZED. THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT FOCUS ON A
17 NEED FOR PREVENTATIVE MEASURES, LIKE STANDARDS FOR SEWAGE AND
18 PUMP MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE TO MINIMIZE
19 PUMP FAILURES LEADING TO SEWAGE SPILLS; A NEED FOR PROMPT AND
20 DIRECTIVE COMMUNICATION TO RESPONDERS TO LIMIT THE IMPACT OF
21 SPILLS THAT OCCUR. THE CURRENT COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS AND
22 LAWS ON NOTIFICATION ARE VAGUE AND CONFUSING. THE REQUIREMENTS
23 NEED TO BE CLARIFIED BY THE STATE AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH
24 OFFICER-- THE COUNTY PUBLIC OFFICERS NEEDS TO DEFINE LOCAL
25 RESPONDING STANDARD TIMES FOR REPORTING SPILLS. THERE'S A NEED



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1 FOR BETTER COORDINATION AMONG RESPONDERS TO PROVIDE THE
2 EARLIEST POSSIBLE WARNINGS TO THE PUBLIC AND LIFEGUARDS OF
3 UNHEALTHY WATER CONDITIONS. THERE'S A NEED FOR LEGISLATION
4 THAT WILL PROVIDE OVERSIGHT AND INCREASE PENALTIES, TO IMPROVE
5 OR PROVIDE PRACTICAL INCENTIVES FOR SEWAGE PLANT OPERATORS TO
6 COMPLY WITH THE MAINTENANCE PUMPS AND TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC
7 HEALTH OFFICER. WE'VE RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS SEEK CHANGES IN STATE LAW TO PERMIT CIVIL FINES ON
9 PERSONS WHO FAIL TO REPORT SPILLS TO THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH
10 OFFICER. THERE'S A NEED FOR IMPROVING RECORD KEEPING TO ENSURE
11 THAT ALL SEWAGE SPILLS REPORTED TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER
12 ARE ACCOUNTED FOR AND ACTION TAKEN IS DOCUMENTED. AND,
13 FINALLY, THERE IS A NEED FOR A REGIONAL APPROACH TO RESOLVING
14 SEWER SPILLS RATHER THAN AN AGENCY-BY-AGENCY APPROACH. THIS IS
15 MY OPENING COMMENTS. I'D BE HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS FROM
16 YOUR BOARD MEMBERS.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE, GO AHEAD.

21
22 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO COMMEND TYLER AND
23 YOUR STAFF AND EVERYONE FOR A JOB WELL DONE ON SOMETHING THAT
24 OBVIOUSLY IS OF SIGNIFICANCE TO EVERYONE HERE IN THE COUNTY OF
25 LOS ANGELES. IN YOUR OPINION, SHOULD THERE BE A REGIONAL CALL



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1 CENTER TO REPORT ALL SEWAGE SPILLS THAT OCCUR WITHIN THE
2 COUNTY, INCLUDING THOSE SPILLS THAT ARE WITHIN THE
3 JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH'S PUBLIC HEALTH
4 OFFICER?

5

6 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** YES, SIR, I DO, SUPERVISOR KNABE. I THINK
7 THAT WE NEED THE REGIONAL APPROACH AND I THINK, BY BRINGING IN
8 THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AND THEN IMPROVING THEIR OWN
9 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET THAT IMMEDIATE
10 COMMUNICATION SO THAT WE CAN TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
11 TO BE DIRECTED WHEN SPILLS OCCUR.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, BECAUSE I THINK, YOU KNOW, AS AN EXAMPLE, I
14 GOT A NUMBER OF CALLS FROM THE CITY OF CULVER CITY WHO WERE
15 CONCERNED ABOUT THE REPORT AND NOT WANTING TO BE THE POSTER
16 CHILD FOR THIS WHOLE PROCESS, BUT IT WAS THAT PARTICULAR
17 SPILL, I THINK, THAT GENERATED THE AUDIT. AND, GRANTED, IT DID
18 NOT TAKE THE CITY OF CULVER CITY 48 HOURS BUT WHAT HAD
19 HAPPENED, THEY REPORTED THEM WITHIN 11, 12 HOURS, WHICH IS
20 STILL TOO LATE BUT THEN OUR OWN COUNTY SYSTEM HAD A FAILURE
21 THAT EXTENDED IT OUT 48 HOURS WHEN IT WAS MADE TO A COUNTY
22 OPERATOR. SO, I MEAN, THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF THINGS. AND THEN,
23 OBVIOUSLY, THE ISSUE OF WHERE THE WATER WENT AND WHERE THE
24 SPILLS WENT AND, YOU KNOW, HOW IT WINDS UP, YOU KNOW, THE L.A.
25 RIVER DOWN IN LONG BEACH AND, AGAIN, EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE



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1 THEIR OWN PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, YOU--
2 DR. FIELDING, YOU PROVIDE THE TESTING, IS THAT CORRECT? OR DO
3 THEY DO THEIR OWN TESTING?

4

5 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WELL, THEY DO THEIR OWN TESTING. WE
6 HAVE NOTIFICATION OF THEM, WHEN ANYBODY NOTIFIES US THAT
7 THERE'S BEEN ANY DISCHARGE INTO THE LOS ANGELES RIVER. BUT
8 THEY DO THEIR OWN TESTING THERE AND THEY COOPERATE WITH OTHER
9 LOCAL DISCHARGE-- THOSE WHO TREAT THE DISCHARGE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** TYLER, IN READING YOUR REPORT, YOU KNOW, ONE OF
12 THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT OUR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AND OUR
13 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE
14 TRAINING THAT WE DO AND THE DRILLS THAT WE DO IN ANTICIPATION
15 OF FLOODS, FIRES AND EARTHQUAKES KIND OF SITUATIONS. BUT, IN
16 READING THAT REPORT, IT APPEARS THAT WE SHOULD HAVE PERIODIC
17 EMERGENCY DRILLS TO TEST OUR COUNTY'S OR REGION'S ABILITY TO
18 RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY CAUSED BY
19 MAJOR SEWAGE SPILLS. IS THERE ANY INDICATION IN YOUR AUDIT
20 THAT THIS WAS BEING DONE AT ALL?

21

22 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** NO, THERE WASN'T AND, INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH,
23 THEY DO THAT IN ORANGE COUNTY, THEY DO HAVE PRACTICE DRILLS
24 AND I THINK IT WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT IDEA. IT WOULD
25 PERIODICALLY TEST OUR COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND IT WOULD ALSO



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1 PERIODICALLY TEST OUR ABILITY OF OUR RESPONDERS TO GET
2 TOGETHER AND BE ABLE TO PRACTICE WHAT THEY WOULD DO IN THE
3 EVENT OF A SPILL.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** TO DR. FIELDING, YOU KNOW, IN YOUR TESTIMONY FROM
6 YOU AND FROM OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT
7 SEPARATING PUBLIC HEALTH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
8 SERVICES THAT IT WOULD IMPROVE THE, YOU KNOW, ADMINISTRATION
9 OF OUR PUBLIC HEALTH PROCESSES. THIS IS A GLARING EXAMPLE OF
10 THINGS WE NEED TO WORK ON BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF FINGER
11 POINTING GOING ON IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS. IT CERTAINLY WASN'T
12 MY INTENT WITH THE AUDIT BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THE
13 ANSWERS ARE GOING TO BE WHEN YOU ASK FOR AN AUDIT BUT THERE
14 WERE SOME GLARING DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE CONFINES OF PUBLIC
15 HEALTH IN ITS OPERATION BUT SIGNIFICANTLY WAS THE REGIONAL
16 APPROACH THAT WE NEED TO DO AND TO SIT DOWN AND PUT SOMETHING
17 TOGETHER. I APPRECIATE, YOU KNOW, IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS
18 SOME INPUT BACK FROM YOU AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE BUT
19 I WOULD HOPE, AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE DON'T GET INVOLVED
20 WITH FINGER POINTING, THAT WE GET INVOLVED IN TRYING TO SOLVE
21 THE ISSUE BEFORE US.

22

23 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** ABSOLUTELY, SUPERVISOR. THAT'S OUR-- WE
24 AGREE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS. WE'VE WORKED WITH THE AUDITOR--
25 CONTROLLER, WE APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR A REGIONAL APPROACH AND



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1 WE DO HAVE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES IN SO MANY AREAS.
2 WHAT WE DON'T HAVE IN THE OTHER AREAS FOR BIOTERRORISM AND
3 OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, WHAT WE DON'T HAVE IS AUDITABLE
4 TELEPHONE CALLS, THINGS LIKE THAT, WHICH THIS SEEMS TO NEED.
5 AND SO AND TYLER AND I WENT OVER THAT AND THINK THAT A
6 REGIONAL APPROACH, WHERE SOMEBODY CALLS INTO ONE NUMBER,
7 EVERYTHING IS TAKEN DOWN, IT'S TIME STAMPED, YOU TAKE A TAPE
8 OF IT AND THEY DON'T LEAVE A MESSAGE, THEY CALL UNTIL THEY CAN
9 GET A PERSON. THEY CAN CONNECT THE PEOPLE BUT EVERYTHING IS
10 AUDITABLE. WE THINK THAT THAT WILL SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS AND
11 AVOID ANY POSSIBLE FINGER POINTING. BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT
12 WILL LEAD TO A FAIL SAFE SYSTEM WHERE WE CAN PRACTICE AND WE
13 WON'T HAVE ANY QUESTION OF, YOU KNOW, WHERE WAS THE SLIPUP?
14 BECAUSE IT'S NOT IMPORTANT WHERE THE SLIPUP IS, WE JUST DON'T
15 WANT ANY.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** EXACTLY. I GUESS THE OTHER QUESTION EITHER DR.
18 FIELDING OR TO YOU, TYLER, IS HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO FIND THESE
19 MAJOR DISCREPANCIES IN THE AMOUNT OF SEWAGE SPILL BETWEEN OUR
20 RECORDS AND THAT OF THE SEWAGE OPERATORS?

21

22 **DEWIT ROBERTS:** SUPERVISOR, WHAT WE DID WAS, WE FIRST ATTEMPTED
23 TO GO TO THE WATER BOARD BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE OVERSIGHT
24 RESPONSIBILITY. BUT CURRENTLY-- WELL, STARTING JANUARY 1,
25 THERE'S A STATE DATABASE WHERE ALL DISCHARGERS ARE GOING TO



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1 HAVE TO REPORT SEWER SPILLS. BUT, PRIOR TO JANUARY 1ST, 2007,
2 THAT INFORMATION WASN'T CAPPED CENTRALLY. SO THE NEXT STEP WAS
3 TO CONTACT THE VARIOUS DISCHARGERS IN THE AREA, IN THE REGION,
4 AND TO TRY TO OBTAIN AN ACCOUNT FOR THE SEWAGE SPILLS, AND
5 WHAT WE DECIDED UPON, BASED UPON OUR CONSULTATION WITH THE
6 DISCHARGERS, WAS TO LIMIT THE SPILLS TO A THOUSAND GALLONS
7 WITHIN THE SANTA MONICA BAY WATERSHED AREA. THAT WAS THE
8 CRITERIA THAT WE THOUGHT WE HAD COMMUNICATED TO EVERYONE. IT'S
9 COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT OUR SCHEDULE (A) MAY NOT INCLUDE
10 JUST SPILLS THAT OCCURRED WITHIN THE SANTA MONICA BAY
11 WATERSHED AREA, THERE MAY BE SOME SPILLS THERE-- OR A LOT OF
12 SPILLS THAT MAY HAVE OCCURRED OUTSIDE THE SANTA MONICA BAY
13 WATERSHED AREA. HOWEVER, WHAT WE WERE ATTEMPTING TO DO WAS TO
14 ADDRESS YOUR BOARD MOTION, THE BOARD'S MOTION WHICH ASKED US
15 TO LOOK AT THE SPILLS DURING 2002 TO 2006 AND DETERMINE
16 WHETHER OR NOT THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER WAS NOTIFIED TIMELY
17 AND THE COUNTY LIFEGUARDS AND THE OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
18 ACTED APPROPRIATELY. BUT WE COULD NOT MAKE THAT DETERMINATION
19 BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT, WHEN WE COMPARED THE RECORDS FROM
20 THE DISCHARGERS TO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, THE INFORMATION
21 WASN'T THERE, OKAY? AND THAT'S HOW WE WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY
22 THE DISCREPANCIES. AND WE MET WITH PUBLIC HEALTH TO TRY TO
23 DETERMINE WHY THERE WERE DISCREPANCIES AND THEY PROVIDED A
24 NUMBER OF EXPLANATIONS TO US, WHICH INCLUDED THAT MAYBE SOME
25 OF THE SPILLS WERE INITIALLY REPORTED TO BE LESS THAN A



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1 THOUSAND GALLONS OR THEY WERE REPORTED AS BEING CONTAINED OR
2 NOT LIKELY TO POSE A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE OR THEY MAY HAVE BEEN
3 REPORTED SOMEPLACE ELSE WITHIN PUBLIC HEALTH AND NOT REPORTED
4 TO THE RECREATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM. THOSE WERE THE
5 EXPLANATIONS THAT WERE GIVEN TO US TO EXPLAIN WHY THERE MAY BE
6 DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THE INFORMATION THAT WE HAD COMPILED
7 VERSUS WHAT WAS IN THEIR RECORDS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** SUPERVISOR, I JUST WOULD ADD THAT,
12 SINCE THIS PROCESS HAS STARTED, YOUR MOTION PUT IN PLACE, PUT
13 IN MOTION, THERE HAS BEEN MUCH BETTER REPORTING AND OUR FOLKS
14 REPORT NOW THAT PARTICULARLY L.A. CITY IS ROUTINELY REPORTING,
15 WHICH IS REALLY AN IMPROVEMENT. SO THIS HAS ALREADY STARTED
16 THINGS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, WE NOW NEED TO SYSTEMATIZE IT
17 AND MAKE SURE THERE'S JUST A FAILSAFE.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I MEAN, I THINK YOU NEED TO CREATE A
20 FAILSAFE SYSTEM BECAUSE WE WERE TOLD IN THE PAST THAT
21 EVERYTHING WAS IN ORDER AND THERE WAS A PROTOCOL AND
22 EVERYTHING ELSE BUT THERE WAS NO MONITORING, THERE WAS-- AND,
23 OBVIOUSLY, WHAT WE DISCOVERED WAS THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT
24 BREAKDOWN, NOT ONLY OF REPORTING BUT IN COMMUNICATIONS AND
25 EVERYTHING ELSE. I KNOW THAT OTHER MEMBERS HAVE SOME QUESTIONS



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1 BUT I JUST-- AND A COUPLE FOLKS I KNOW ARE GOING TO TESTIFY,
2 REBECCA NGUYEN FROM ASSEMBLYMAN TED LIEU'S OFFICE, AND I WOULD
3 JUST THANK THE ASSEMBLYMAN PUBLICLY BECAUSE SHE'S GOING TO
4 READ A STATEMENT. WHEN WE INDICATED WE NEEDED SOME STATE
5 LEGISLATION, ASSEMBLYMAN LIEU IS WILLING TO CARRY THAT ON OUR
6 BEHALF AND REBECCA WILL TESTIFY TO THAT. AND WE ALSO HAVE
7 FRANCINE DIAMOND, WHO IS THE CHAIR OF THE WATER QUALITY BOARD,
8 WHO IS GOING TO TESTIFY AS WELL ON THEIR STRONG SUPPORT. SO,
9 AGAIN, YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES WHEN YOU ASK FOR AN AUDIT, YOU
10 DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ANSWER IS GOING TO BE AND OBVIOUSLY WE HAD
11 ISSUES OF REPORTING BUT WE ALSO HAD INTERNAL ISSUES WITHIN THE
12 COUNTY FAMILY THAT NEED TO BE TIGHTENED UP DRAMATICALLY SO
13 THAT WE CREATE A FAILSAFE SITUATION LIKE WE DO WITH ONE PHONE
14 CALL IN TIMES OF FIRE AND TIMES OF EARTHQUAKES AND WHATEVER IT
15 MAY BE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS. I AM
18 NOT SO COMPLIMENTARY ABOUT THE AUDIT BECAUSE-- NOT ABOUT THE
19 CONCLUSIONS BUT I THINK IT'S JUST A STROKE OF LUCK THAT THE
20 CONCLUSIONS, I MEAN, YOU COULD HAVE DONE THE CONCLUSIONS
21 WITHOUT DOING THE AUDIT BUT I HAVE A REAL PROBLEM AND I'M
22 GOING TO GO THROUGH IT WITH YOU BECAUSE YOU JUST MENTIONED IT
23 KIND OF CASUALLY IN PASSING THAT IT HAS COME TO YOUR ATTENTION
24 THAT NOT ALL OF THE SPILLS OCCURRED NOT SANTA MONICA BAY
25 WATERSHED. THE WAY THIS THING CAME OUT AS WELL I DIDN'T GET A



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1 COPY OF THIS, I DIDN'T GET A COPY OF THE DRAFT OF THIS UNTIL
2 AFTER IT WAS-- PRESS RELEASES WERE OUT AND IT WAS ALL OVER THE
3 WIRE SERVICES, SO IT WAS VERY INTERESTING TO ME TO HAVE TO
4 ASSESS IT IN THAT CONTEXT. AND ALL OF THE NEWS COVERAGE WAS
5 SPUN BY YOUR REPORT AND THE PRESS RELEASES THAT WERE
6 ASSOCIATED WITH IT THAT THIS WAS A SANTA MONICA BAY ISSUE,
7 AND, IF IT IS, IT IS BUT IT ISN'T. THE PREPONDERANCE OF THE
8 SPILLS THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT OCCURRED NOT IN THE SANTA
9 MONICA BAY WATERSHED BUT IN THE L.A. RIVER AND SAN GABRIEL
10 RIVER WATERSHED AND MY STAFF AND I WENT THROUGH YOUR REPORT
11 AND ADDED UP THE SPILLS OF THE 100,000 GALLONS OR MORE TO
12 DETERMINE WHERE THEY ORIGINATED FROM AND OVER TWO-THIRDS OF
13 THEM, 7.5 MILLION OF THE 9.78 MILLION GALLONS OF SO-CALLED
14 UNRECORDED SPILLS WERE NOT TRIBUTARY TO THE SANTA MONICA BAY
15 ITSELF. AND I ONLY KNOW OF TWO OTHER WATERSHEDS OTHER THAN
16 SANTA MONICA BAY, L.A. AND SAN GABRIEL AND I THINK THAT ENDS
17 UP IN LONG BEACH. BUT THE WAY THIS WAS REPORTED IN THE PRESS,
18 AND IT STARTED WITH YOUR REPORT, I'LL QUOTE FROM YOUR REPORT.
19 BECAUSE OF THE FREQUENT-- I'M QUOTING FROM YOUR REPORT.
20 "BECAUSE OF THE FREQUENCY OF SPILLS OCCURRING THROUGHOUT THE
21 L.A. COUNTY REGION AND BECAUSE NOT ALL SPILLS POSE A HEALTH
22 RISK TO RECREATIONAL BEACH USERS, WE LIMITED OUR REVIEW TO
23 SEWAGE SPILLS OF A THOUSAND GALLONS OR GREATER THAT OCCURRED
24 WITHIN THE SANTA MONICA BAY WATERSHED AREA FROM JANUARY 2002
25 TO JULY 2006." YOU DIDN'T LIMIT YOUR SURVEY TO THE SANTA



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1 MONICA BAY WATERSHED. ON THE CONTRARY, YOU HAD A LIST OF
2 SPILLS, HOWEVER YOU ACQUIRED IT, YOU ANALYZED THE SPILLS. AND
3 A CURSORY REVIEW OF YOUR OWN LIST AND A KNOWLEDGE OF THE
4 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SANTA MONICA BAY AND THE SAN GABRIEL
5 AND L.A. RIVER WATERSHEDS WOULD HAVE PUT-- WOULD HAVE
6 CLARIFIED THAT ISSUE VERY QUICKLY, VERY QUICKLY, IN ABOUT FIVE
7 OR 5-1/2 MINUTES, BECAUSE 7-1/2 OUT OF 9.7 MILLION GALLONS DID
8 NOT GO INTO-- WERE NOT HEADED INTO THE SANTA MONICA BAY. SOME
9 OF THE STUFF DIDN'T EVEN GET TO THE WATER. BUT THAT WOULD--
10 WAS SPILLED AND GOT INTO THE WATERSHED AREAS TWO-THIRDS OF
11 THEM OR THEREABOUTS WERE NOT IN THE SANTA MONICA BAY. NOW, THE
12 REASON I'M MAKING A DEAL ABOUT THIS IS-- WELL, OBVIOUSLY,
13 BECAUSE I THINK IT'S GIVEN THE IMPRESSION, FIRST OF ALL, THAT
14 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND I'M NOT BASHFUL ABOUT CRITICIZING
15 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WHEN THEY DESERVE IT, BUT SOMEHOW THE
16 CITY OF LOS ANGELES WAS LARGELY CULPABLE IN THIS, ALTHOUGH ALL
17 THE EDITORIALS SAY IT'S ALL THE COUNTY'S FAULT, THAT'S KIND OF
18 STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE NOW, EVERYTHING IS THE COUNTY'S
19 FAULT, BUT SPILLS THAT OCCURRED OUT OF THE CITY'S SEWER SYSTEM
20 AND THE REPORTS THAT HAD TO BE-- APPARENTLY, HAD TO BE MADE TO
21 THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES, ACTUALLY, THE BULK OF THESE REPORTS
22 SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE LONG BEACH PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER,
23 I WOULD IMAGINE. DOES LONG BEACH HAVE A PUBLIC HEALTH
24 DEPARTMENT, DR. FIELDING?

25



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1 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** YES, THEY DO.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO THEY HAVE A PUBLIC HEALTH
4 OFFICER?

5

6 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** YES, THEY DO.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IF THERE'S A SPILL OF RAW SEWAGE
9 HEADING DOWN THE L.A. RIVER TO LONG BEACH, IS IT YOU OR IS IT
10 THE HEALTH OFFICER OF LONG BEACH WHO NEEDS TO BE NOTIFIED?

11

12 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WELL, IN GENERAL, CERTAINLY THE HEALTH
13 OFFICER OF LONG BEACH NEEDS TO BE NOTIFIED. WE'RE GENERALLY
14 NOTIFIED AS WELL AND, WHENEVER WE'RE NOTIFIED, WE NOTIFY THEM
15 JUST IN CASE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT THEY'RE THE POINT, ARE THEY
18 NOT?

19

20 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THEY HAVE THEIR OWN PUBLIC HEALTH
23 DEPARTMENT. THEY'RE ONE OF TWO CITIES IN L.A. COUNTY THAT HAVE
24 THEIR OWN PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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1 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** EXACTLY.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT WE DO THE TESTING.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT, IN TERMS OF REPORTING, IN
6 TERMS OF REPORTING WHEN THERE'S A SEWAGE SPILL HEADED IN A
7 PARTICULAR DIRECTION, THEY NEED TO BE NOTIFIED BECAUSE IT'S
8 COMING DOWN TO THEIR CITY IF IT'S COMING DOWN THE L.A. OR SAN
9 GABRIEL RIVER, CORRECT?

10

11 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THE REASON THIS IS IMPORTANT TO
14 ME IS, NUMBER ONE, AND I DON'T LIKE TO BE CRITICAL BUT I CAN'T
15 APPROVE THIS REPORT. I THINK YOU NEED TO GO BACK AND REDO YOUR
16 REPORT. THIS REPORT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED AND I'M NOT TALKING
17 ABOUT THE CONCLUSIONS AND YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS. THE
18 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE FINE, MR. KNABE'S MOTION IS FINE AS FAR AS
19 THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE CONCERNED, BUT THE RECORD HAS TO BE
20 ACCURATE AND I'M GOING TO ASK, DON, IF YOU DON'T MIND, THAT
21 THEY GO BACK AND-- WE CAN APPROVE YOUR MOTION TODAY BUT THAT
22 THE REPORT CAN GO BACK AND BE CORRECTED IN LIGHT OF THE
23 INFORMATION THAT'S COME TO YOUR ATTENTION. AND WE ALL KNOW HOW
24 IT GOT TO YOUR ATTENTION. IT NEEDS TO BE-- IT NEEDS TO BE
25 ACCURATE BECAUSE THIS IS GOING TO BE A RECORD DOWN THE LINE.



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1 MS. DIAMOND SITS ON THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY BOARD, THEY
2 HAVE EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS OUT THERE. THEY'RE GOING TO LOOK AT
3 THIS. THEY SHOULDN'T LOOK AT A PIECE OF FLAWED DOCUMENTATION.
4 IT'S JUST PLAIN WRONG. OBVIOUSLY, I'M NOT-- YOU MAY NOT KNOW
5 THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE L.A. RIVER AND THE SANTA MONICA BAY
6 WATERSHED. I'M SURE YOU DO NOW, YOU MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN IT WHEN
7 YOU DID THE REPORT, BUT THERE'S...

8

9 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** SUPERVISOR...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ...BUT THERE IS-- LET ME FINISH.
12 IT'S A HIGHLY SENSITIVE ISSUE. ACCURACY IS A HIGHLY SENSITIVE
13 ISSUE. TRUTH IS A HIGHLY SENSITIVE ISSUE AND, WHEN PEOPLE WHO
14 LIVE IN MY PART OF THE COUNTY AND IT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE AND
15 IT'S NOT JUST MY PART, MR. KNABE AND I SHARE THE SANTA MONICA
16 BAY WATERSHED, HEAR ON THE NEWS THAT THESE MILLIONS OF GALLONS
17 WERE HEADED THEIR WAY AND IT FOCUSES ATTENTION ON THE WRONG
18 PLACE, NOT THAT WE DON'T HAVE PROBLEMS AT THE SANTA MONICA
19 BAY, WE DO, BUT APPARENTLY AT LEAST AS FAR AS YOUR REPORT IS
20 CONCERNED WHEN YOU TAKE A MAGNIFYING GLASS TO IT, REAL PROBLEM
21 IS DOWN THE OTHER-- THE OTHER RIVER, THE OTHER WATERSHED, IT'S
22 IN LONG BEACH AND ALL EYES SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON LONG BEACH AND
23 THE TRIBUTARIES TO THAT-- TO THE L.A. RIVER AND THE
24 TRIBUTARIES TO THE L.A. RIVER AND THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER. AND I
25 DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT-- IF YOU HAD DONE THAT, I DON'T KNOW



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1 WHETHER THERE WERE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS THAT MIGHT HAVE COME
2 TO LIGHT BECAUSE THEY DO HAVE THEIR OWN PUBLIC HEALTH
3 DEPARTMENT AND I THINK DON JUST MENTIONED IT AT THE CLOSING OF
4 HIS QUESTIONS THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME KIND OF
5 SYNCHRONIZATION AND INTEGRATION BETWEEN US, L.A. COUNTY OF
6 PUBLIC HEALTH, AND LONG BEACH PUBLIC HEALTH AND WHATEVER THE
7 OVERLAPPING JURISDICTIONS, THAT NEEDS TO BE RESOLVED BECAUSE,
8 AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW THAT THEIR
9 BEACH WATER IS CLEAN, THAT THEY'RE NOT SWIMMING IN RAW SEWAGE,
10 THAT THIS ISN'T A THIRD WORLD KIND OF AN ENVIRONMENT, WHICH WE
11 GET FROM TIME TO TIME. MOST OF THESE BIG SPILLS, BY THE WAY,
12 OCCURRED IN 2005 DURING THE BIG RAINSTORMS. 10 MILLION GALLONS
13 HERE, 5 MILLION GALLONS THERE, YOU KNOW, TENS OF THOUSANDS,
14 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF GALLONS SPILLED BECAUSE THE SYSTEMS
15 WERE INUNDATED AND OVERFLOWING BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN
16 TO PUT TOGETHER A REPORT THAT DOESN'T MEASURE UP, THAT DIDN'T
17 MEASURE UP AND I WANT YOU TO CORRECT IT. I HOPE THAT THE OTHER
18 FOUR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WANT TO CORRECT IT JUST SO THAT IT
19 REFLECTS ACCURATELY WHAT YOU DID. THE WORK PRODUCT YOU DID IS
20 THOROUGH, NO QUESTION ABOUT IT, YOU GOT THE REPORT, YOU LOOKED
21 AT IT. NOW ALL YOU GOT TO DO IS TRANSLATE THE WORK PRODUCT AND
22 PUT IT IN THE ACCURATE CONTEXT. OKAY. MR. MCCAULEY, YOU WANTED
23 TO SAY SOMETHING AND I CUT YOU OFF.

24

25 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** JUST VERY BRIEFLY...



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM THAT THEY REFLECT IN
3 THE ACCURACY OF THE REPORT, I MEAN, BUT I WOULDN'T WANT TO
4 UNDERESTIMATE, A SPILL IS A SPILL IS A SPILL. A SPILL IS A
5 SIGNIFICANT BREAKDOWN.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I AGREE. I AGREE.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** BY LAW, LONG BEACH, I MEAN, WHO-- PUBLIC HEALTH
10 REPORT TO YOU BY LAW, IS THAT CORRECT?

11

12 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THEY NEED TO REPORT TO ME BY LAW, YES,
13 IF IT'S OCCURRED IN OUR AREA OF L.A. COUNTY. IF IT OCCURRED IN
14 LONG BEACH, NO. BUT IF IT OCCURRED IN OUR AREA, YES.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LONG BEACH GOT QUITE A FEW
19 REPORTS. I'M LOOKING AT THE CHART THAT YOU PROVIDED, JANUARY
20 9TH, 2005, 25,000 GALLON SPILL DOWN THE L.A. RIVER TO LONG
21 BEACH. LONG BEACH CLOSED THE BEACH. JANUARY 9TH, 2005, A
22 SECOND SPILL OF 26,206 GALLONS. LONG BEACH WAS NOTIFIED TO
23 CLOSE THE BEACH. ANOTHER ONE ON JANUARY 9TH, 2005, 117,000
24 GALLONS. LONG BEACH WAS NOTIFIED, THEY CLOSED THE BEACH.
25 JANUARY 10TH, THAT'S A SMALL ONE, 6,900, LONG BEACH CLOSED THE



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1 BEACH AND IT GOES ON. I MEAN, I WON'T READ THEM ALL BUT
2 THERE'S A HALF A PAGE WORTH OF THEM. LONG BEACH WAS NOTIFIED,
3 THEY CLOSED THE BEACH. I JUST, THERE'S A CERTAIN AMOUNT--
4 THERE'S A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF HYSTERIA THAT STEMS FROM THIS
5 THAT-- AND I GUESS THAT'S THE WAY I'M MADE UP. I JUST-- I'M
6 NOT PART OF A PACK MENTALITY. EDITORIALS BLAME THE PUBLIC
7 SECTOR AND BLAME THE COUNTY AND BLAME THIS AND IT'S-- NOBODY
8 WANTS TO WORK HARD, EVERYBODY'S JUST THROWING OUT ACCUSATIONS
9 AND ALLEGATIONS AND DOING THAT SORT OF THING BUT I DO BELIEVE,
10 WHEN IT COMES TO PUBLIC HEALTH, THAT WE NEED TO BE VERY
11 ACCURATE, VERY ACCURATE. IF IT TAKES US ANOTHER COUPLE OF
12 WEEKS, IT WILL TAKE US ANOTHER COUPLE OF WEEKS. IT'S GOT TO BE
13 ACCURATE. IT'S GOT TO BE ACCURATE FOR TWO REASONS. ONE,
14 BECAUSE WE OWE IT TO THE PEOPLE WHO PAY OUR SALARIES TO BE
15 ACCURATE WITH THEM AND, TWO, AND I THINK JUST AS IMPORTANT, IS
16 THAT ANY REMEDIAL ACTION THAT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE IS
17 RESPONSIVE TO THE ANALYSIS THAT'S BEEN DONE. IF THE ANALYSIS
18 IS WRONG, THE REMEDIAL ACTION IS GOING TO BE WRONG. THAT'S
19 WHAT DRIVES ME UP A WALL, SO I JUST-- YOU KNOW, SOMEBODY BLEW
20 IT ON THE WORK PRODUCT END OF IT AND I WANT IT FIXED AND I
21 THINK YOU KNOW WHAT NEEDS TO BE FIXED. WE DON'T NEED TO...

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT EVEN IN LONG BEACH, IT TOOK 24 HOURS TO
24 REPORT. I MEAN, THAT'S THE ISSUE.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NOT ON ALL OF THEM. NOT ON ALL OF
2 THEM. I MEAN, SOME OF THEM-- SOME OF THEM, YES, BUT...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** WE HAD SOME WINNERS.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND. I UNDERSTAND. YOU
7 HAD THREE IN LONG BEACH ON THE SAME DAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2005 AND
8 THERE WERE OTHER DAYS WHERE YOU HAD MULTIPLE SPILLS. WHEN
9 YOU'VE GOT THE BIGGEST RAIN THAT'S EVER HIT IN A HUNDRED
10 YEARS, STUFF HAPPENS, TO QUOTE THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
11 UNITED STATES OR WHOEVER IT WAS, STUFF HAPPENS AND IT'S
12 IMPORTANT THAT THEY BE NOTIFIED QUICKLY AND THE PROTOCOLS ARE
13 APPROPRIATE AND GIVEN THE TECHNOLOGY THAT WE HAVE TODAY AND
14 BLACKBERRIES AND EMAILS AND, LOOK, I HAVE A PROBLEM. I HAD A
15 PROBLEM WITH THE CITY OF L.A. ON A SPILL WE HAD, I DON'T KNOW,
16 A FEW MONTHS AGO. IT WAS ON A FRIDAY NIGHT AND NOBODY WAS
17 REACHABLE. I FINALLY HAD TO CALL THE MAYOR-- THE DEPUTY MAYOR.
18 MY NEXT CALL WAS GOING TO BE TO THE MAYOR AND THEY GOT ON IT
19 AND EVERYTHING WAS FINE BUT I SHOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO BE THE GUY
20 PICKING UP THE PHONE AND CALLING THE DEPUTY MAYOR TO GET
21 SOMEBODY OUT THERE. AS IT TURNED OUT, THEY ALREADY HAD
22 SOMEBODY OUT THERE BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW IT, THEY DIDN'T KNOW
23 WHAT WE WERE DOING AND IT WAS AFTER 5:00, 6:00, IT WAS
24 ACTUALLY LATER THAN THAT ON A FRIDAY NIGHT AND NOBODY WAS
25 AROUND. SO THERE'S GOT TO BE AN EMERGENCY KIND OF PAGER SYSTEM



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1 OR WHATEVER IT IS, CRITICAL PEOPLE WHO ARE AVAILABLE TO
2 RESPOND AND WHO CAN GET THEIR AGENCIES MOVING. THERE'S NO
3 QUESTION ABOUT THAT. THAT'S NOT NEW. THAT DIDN'T START WITH
4 THE CULVER CITY SPILL. THAT WAS AN ISSUE BEFORE, IT WILL BE AN
5 ISSUE AFTER, IT WILL BE AN ISSUE I'M SURE EVEN AFTER WE PASS
6 THESE PROTOCOLS BECAUSE SOMEBODY AT SOME POINT, THESE ARE ALL
7 HUMAN BEINGS THAT TOIL IN THESE FIELDS AND SOMEBODY IS GOING
8 TO SCREW UP AND THEN WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER SET OF PROTOCOLS. BUT
9 WE NEED TO BE ON TOP OF IT BUT MY MAIN POINT HERE IS THAT TWO-
10 THIRDS OF THE SPILLS THAT WE LOOKED AT, THE HUNDRED THOUSAND
11 AND ABOVE, WENT DOWN THE RIVER THAT YOUR REPORT DOESN'T EVEN
12 ACKNOWLEDGE EXISTED. YOU SAID IT WAS ALL IN THE SANTA MONICA
13 BAY WATERSHED AND ACTUALLY TWO-THIRDS WAS NOT IN THE SANTA
14 MONICA BAY WATERSHED, AND I THINK YOU NEED TO TAKE THE TIME TO
15 DO WHAT MY STAFF DID, WHICH IS GO THROUGH YOUR OWN REPORT,
16 IDENTIFY THE SOURCE OF THE SPILL, WHERE IT WENT, EXACTLY WHAT
17 HAPPENED AND THEN SPELL IT OUT ACCURATELY WHERE IT WENT. I
18 THINK THIS IS FOR HISTORICAL PURPOSES. THE NEXT AUDITOR, THE
19 NEXT PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR, THE NEXT SUPERVISOR IS GOING TO
20 LOOK TO SOME DOCUMENT, LIKE TO THIS DOCUMENT, IS GOING TO KNOW
21 WHAT HAPPENED AND WE SURE DON'T WANT THEM NOT HAVING THE
22 ACCURATE INFORMATION. WE'RE ALL ON TOP OF IT NOW AND WE'VE ALL
23 BEEN SCRUTINIZING THIS NOW. TWO YEARS FROM NOW, MOST OF US
24 WILL FORGET THE DETAILS AND SOMEBODY'S GOING TO NEED TO HAVE
25 THE ACCURATE DETAILS. THAT'S ALL I WANT TO SAY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, EXACTLY. ON THE JANUARY 9TH ISSUE YOU
3 MENTIONED, THAT WAS A SUNDAY. LOS ANGELES DIDN'T NOTIFY LONG
4 BEACH UNTIL MONDAY, I MEAN, AS AN EXAMPLE, 24 HOURS LATER. AND
5 THAT NEEDS TO BE...

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT NEEDS TO BE FIXED.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** SO I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE WE
10 KNOW WE HAVE A PROBLEM DOWN AT THE OTHER END, WE DEAL WITH
11 THAT ALL THE TIME DOWN THERE NO MATTER WHERE THE TRIBUTARIES
12 START. BUT I MEAN, THE-- JUST DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT
13 THAT WE HAVE A COMMUNICATIONS ISSUE HERE COUNTYWIDE.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE KNEW-- OH, I'M NOT LOSING SIGHT
16 OF THAT. I'M BEEN A VICTIM OF THE COMMUNICATIONS LAPSES, MY
17 CONSTITUENTS HAVE AND I'VE PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED IT AND I
18 THINK THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE GOOD RECOMMENDATIONS AND SOUND
19 RECOMMENDATION AND FRANKLY IT SHOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN A BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS TO HAVE TO MAKE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS. THIS IS
21 COMMON SENSE IN ANY FIELD. YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY SITUATION,
22 YOU NEED TO HAVE EMERGENCY NUMBERS. WE ALL HAVE THEM, WE KNOW
23 WHAT HAPPENS. ON A SATURDAY, IF THERE'S HAVE A PROBLEM, WE
24 KNOW WHO TO CALL. SEWAGE SANITATION, WHOEVER, SEWER ENGINEERS
25 NEED TO KNOW WHO TO CALL. PUBLIC WORKS PEOPLE IN L.A. CITY



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1 NEED TO KNOW WHO TO CALL. YOU NEED TO BE REACHABLE OR YOUR
2 DESIGNEE NEEDS TO BE REACHABLE, THERE ALWAYS NEEDS TO BE A
3 DESIGNEE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER, NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE
4 OR WHERE YOUR NUMBER TWO IS. SOMEBODY'S GOT TO BE ON CALL,
5 JUST LIKE A PHYSICIAN IN AN EMERGENCY ROOM, GOT TO BE ON CALL,
6 THIS IS NO LESS IMPORTANT.

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8 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** SUPERVISOR, I WOULD NEVER ARGUE THAT
9 ACCURACY IS NOT OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE AND WE'D BE PERFECTLY
10 HAPPY TO GO BACK. I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE DID TALK TO
11 THESE AGENCIES, ACTUALLY SAT DOWN WITH THE DISTRICT, WE TALKED
12 WITH THE OTHER AGENCIES AS PART OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
13 COMMISSION, WE DEFINED VERY CAREFULLY WHAT WE WANTED IT ONLY
14 TO BE SPILLS IN THE SANTA MONICA BAY AREA. THE INFORMATION WE
15 GOT BACK HAS OBVIOUSLY TURNED OUT TO BE INACCURATE IN A COUPLE
16 PLACES, IN SOME PLACES, AND THAT'S VERY REGRETTABLE AND SO I
17 DON'T WANT TO MAKE EXCUSES, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE TRIED
18 OUR BEST TO GET THE BEST DATA AVAILABLE.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I APPRECIATE THAT AND I'M NOT
21 TRYING TO HANG YOU IN EFFIGY HERE BUT I'M ANGRY ABOUT IT
22 BECAUSE I'M SENSITIVE ABOUT IT. IT HAS IMPLICATIONS. BUT, ON
23 THAT LAST POINT, IS STEVE MCGINN HERE FROM THE COUNTY
24 SANITATION DISTRICT? I DON'T KNOW IF HE HAD TO LEAVE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, HE'S HERE.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** STEVE, COULD YOU COME UP? YOU RUN
4 SOME SEWER SYSTEMS HERE AND THERE, DON'T YOU?

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6 **STEVE MCGINN:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT'S TRUE.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT WERE YOU ASKED FOR IN THIS
9 AUDIT? WHAT KIND OF SPILL INFORMATION WERE YOU ASKED FOR?

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11 **STEVE MCGINN:** WELL, I CHECKED WITH OUR PERSONNEL THAT DEALT
12 WITH THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE AND OUR UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THE
13 REQUEST WAS FOR ALL THE SPILLS FROM JANUARY 1ST '02 TO MID
14 '06.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND WHAT DID YOU PROVIDE THEM
17 WITH?

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19 **STEVE MCGINN:** ALL THE SPILLS.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND WHAT WERE THE SOURCES OF THE
22 SPILLS? HOW MANY SPILLS WERE THERE AND WHAT WATERSHED WERE
23 THEY IN?

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1 **STEVE MCGINN:** 48 SPILLS. FIVE OF THOSE WOULD HAVE GONE TO
2 SANTA MONICA BAY HAD THEY NOT BEEN CONTAINED. THE BULK WERE TO
3 L.A. AND SAN GABRIEL RIVER, THERE WERE A FEW IN SANTA CLARA
4 RIVER AND ONE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU UNDERSTAND, TYLER, WHY I'M
7 UPSET?

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9 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** UNDERSTOOD. SUPERVISOR, IF I MAY, AT THE
10 PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION, IT'S IN THE MINUTES WHERE
11 SPECIFICALLY IT WAS INDICATED THAT WE WERE LOOKING FOR SPILLS
12 OF A THOUSAND GALLONS OR MORE IN THE SANTA MONICA BAY
13 WATERSHED AREA. THAT'S ON RECORD.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S FINE BUT I'M JUST TELLING
16 YOU, HE'S TELLING YOU THAT HE WAS ASKED FOR ALL SPILLS AND
17 THAT'S WHAT HE GAVE YOU. THAT'S WHAT HIS PEOPLE BELIEVED THEY
18 WERE ASKED FOR AND THAT'S WHAT THEY GAVE YOU AND, EVEN IF
19 THAT'S TRUE, AND I DON'T HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE
20 MINUTES AREN'T ACCURATE, BUT THEY GAVE YOU A SET OF SPILLS
21 THAT-- THE SOURCES OF WHICH YOU HAVE. YOU CAN LOOK ON THEM AND
22 YOU CAN CHECK, YOU CAN CHECK YOUR OWN INSTINCTS TO SEE WHETHER
23 IT'S SANTA MONICA BAY OR ANTELOPE VALLEY OR SAN GABRIEL OR
24 L.A. RIVER WATERSHED. I MEAN, THAT'S-- BUT THEY BELIEVED THEY
25 WERE ASKED FOR ALL OF THEM, THEY GAVE YOU ALL OF THEM. WHETHER



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1 THEY WERE ASKED FOR IT OR NOT THEY GAVE YOU ALL OF THEM AND
2 90% WERE NOT SANTA MONICA BAY WATERSHED SPILLS AND THE FOUR OR
3 FIVE THAT WERE, ALL BUT ONE OF THEM DIDN'T GET THERE.

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5 **STEVE MCGINN:** ALL BUT ONE WAS FULLY CONTAINED.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THEY WERE CONTAINED BEFORE IT GOT
8 TO THE OCEAN. THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING. ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER
9 COMMENTS? MR. BURKE? MR. ANTONOVICH? SO CAN I AMEND YOUR
10 MOTION, MR. KNABE, TO JUST ASK THAT THE AUDITOR BE ASKED TO GO
11 BACK, GIVE HIM 30 DAYS TO UPDATE AND REFINE THE REPORT AND
12 REFLECT THE TESTIMONY AND THE BOARD DISCUSSION, WE GO AHEAD
13 AND APPROVE YOUR MOTION BUT I WANT THE FINAL REPORT TO REFLECT
14 ACCURATELY AND IF YOU COULD CIRCULATE THE DRAFT SO THAT WE
15 HAVE SOME TIME TO LOOK AT IT AND MAKE SOME COMMENTS TO YOU, IF
16 THERE ARE ANY COMMENTS. I THINK YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'RE HEADED
17 ON THIS NOW AND I'M SORRY I HAVE TO DO IT THIS WAY IN A BOARD
18 MEETING, IT'S NOT MY STYLE BUT THIS CAME OUT-- WHEN DID THIS
19 COME OUT?

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** LAST WEEK. LAST WEDNESDAY.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WEDNESDAY AND HERE WE ARE, IT'S ON
24 THE AGENDA TODAY. ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION...

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I THOUGHT THERE WERE SOME...

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, WE HAVE SOME PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SORRY. NEVER MIND. WE'LL HOLD THE
8 MOTIONS AND-- THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. MIKI
9 JACKSON. IS THIS ON THIS ITEM YOU WANT TO BE HEARD? REBECCA
10 WAYNE, JAMES ALAMILLO, AND FRANCINE DIAMOND. WHY DON'T WE TAKE
11 FRANCINE DIAMOND FIRST, SHE'S REPRESENTING THE REGIONAL WATER
12 QUALITY BOARD, AND REBECCA, ALL RIGHT, SO WE'LL TAKE THOSE TWO
13 FIRST AND THEN MIKI AND JAMES ALAMILLO. FRAN AND REBECCA, COME
14 ON UP.

15

16 **REBECCA WAYNE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS REBECCA
17 WAYNE, I AM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR ASSEMBLYMAN TED LIEU. I
18 AM SPEAKING TO YOU TODAY ON BEHALF OF ASSEMBLYMAN LIEU.
19 ASSEMBLYMAN LIEU REPRESENTS THE 53RD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT WHICH
20 CONSISTS OF MANY L.A. COUNTY COASTAL COMMUNITIES. ASSEMBLYMAN
21 LIEU STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE MOTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR
22 KNABE REGARDING SEWAGE SPILL REPORTING AND THE DIRE NEED TO
23 IMPROVE THE SYSTEMS THAT CONTROL AND REGULATE SEWERAGE SPILL
24 REPORTING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SEWAGE SPILLS INTO THE OCEAN
25 DIRECTLY AFFECT THE 53RD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. ASSEMBLYMAN LIEU



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1 SUPPORTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S
2 REPORT AND HOPES THAT THE COUNTY WILL IMPLEMENT THESE
3 RECOMMENDATIONS IMMEDIATELY. SEWAGE SPILLS, IN AND OF
4 THEMSELVES, ARE DEVASTATING AND TRAGIC AND SHOULD BE AVOIDED
5 AT ALL COSTS. SEWAGE SPILLS THAT GO UNREPORTED TO THE
6 APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IS JUST COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE. IN
7 ADDITION TO SUPPORTING SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION TO ADDRESS
8 THIS ISSUE, ASSEMBLYMAN LIEU IS DRAFTING LEGISLATION TO BE
9 INTRODUCED IN SACRAMENTO THAT WOULD COMPLIMENT SUPERVISOR
10 KNABE'S EFFORTS. ASSEMBLYMAN LIEU'S BILL ATTEMPTS TO IMPLEMENT
11 SEVERAL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S
12 REPORT. FOUR IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF ASSEMBLYMAN LIEU'S PROPOSED
13 LEGISLATION INCLUDE AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE WATER CODE TO
14 INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT THAT THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER BE
15 IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IN THE EVENT OF A SEWAGE SPILL; THE
16 ESTABLISHMENT OF A CIVIL FINE FOR PERSONS WHO FAIL TO NOTIFY
17 THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER OF A SEWAGE SPILL; ESTABLISHMENT OF
18 MANDATORY STANDARDS FOR REPORTING SEWAGE SPILLS; AND A
19 REQUIREMENT THAT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS KEEP A RECORD OF
20 SPILLS, DOCUMENT CLEAN-UP EFFORTS AND DOCUMENT EFFORTS TO
21 NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF THE HEALTH RISK. ONE AGAINST, ASSEMBLYMAN
22 TED LIEU FULLY SUPPORTS SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION TO IMPLEMENT
23 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SEWAGE
24 SPILL REPORTING AND IS EAGER TO WORK WITH THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS AND STAFF IN CARRYING OUT THE REPORT'S NECESSARY



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1 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE NEEDED AT THE STATE LEVEL THROUGH
2 LEGISLATION. ON BEHALF OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER TED LIEU, THANK YOU
3 FOR ALLOWING ME TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
4 CONSIDERATION OF THE ASSEMBLYMAN'S POSITIONS.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS, REBECCA. GOOD TO SEE YOU
7 AGAIN. FRAN DIAMOND.

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9 **FRANCINE DIAMOND:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS FRAN DIAMOND AND
10 I'M CHAIR OF THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD. I HAVE
11 WITH ME TODAY TWO MEMBERS OF OUR STAFF, THE CHIEF DEPUTY
12 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, DEB SMITH, AND STEVEN CANE, WHO ARE
13 ALSO HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE. I
14 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO YOU TODAY ABOUT THE
15 INVESTIGATION THAT YOU'VE HAD DISCLOSING THE FAILURE TO REPORT
16 SEWAGE SPILLS TO PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS. AND I WANT TO
17 PARTICULARLY COMMEND SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE COUNTY AUDITOR
18 AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION FOR YOUR EFFORTS AT HIGHLIGHTING
19 THIS VERY SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND TO THE
20 ENVIRONMENT, AS WELL AS TO THE SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC COASTAL
21 ECONOMY. THERE'S NO NEED, REALLY, TO EXAGGERATE THE
22 SIGNIFICANCE OF SEWAGE SPILLS OR THE FAILURE TO REPORT SEWAGE
23 SPILLS. THE DATA SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. RECENTLY IN A STUDY DONE
24 BY U.C.L.A. AND STANFORD UNIVERSITY, IT WAS FOUND THAT
25 SWIMMING IN CONTAMINATED COASTAL WATERS AT THE 28 BEACHES IN



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1 LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTIES RESULTS IN 628,000 TO 1.5
2 MILLION CASES OF GASTROINTESTINAL ILLNESSES PER YEAR AND THAT
3 TRANSLATES TO AN ECONOMIC LOSS OF \$21 BILLION TO \$50 BILLION A
4 YEAR. WHAT THIS MEANS IN EVERYDAY TERMS IS THAT THE MILLIONS
5 OF VISITORS WHO COME TO THE BEACHES, WHETHER THEY'RE IN LONG
6 BEACH, IN MALIBU, IN WILL ROGERS, AT DOCKWEILER, AT MOTHER'S
7 BEACH OR ANY OF THE BEAUTIFUL BEACHES THAT WE HAVE IN L.A.
8 COUNTY, SOMETIMES GET VERY, VERY SICK. IT MEANS ALSO A LOSS OF
9 BUSINESS AND JOBS TO ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO WORK AT THE
10 BUSINESSES AND SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES WITH THE JOBS THAT THEY
11 HAVE IN OUR MORE THAN 2-BILLION-DOLLAR COASTAL ECONOMY.
12 ALLOWING SEWAGE TO CONTAMINATE OUR RIVERS, OUR BEACHES AND OUR
13 OCEAN AND FAILING TO TAKE ACTION WHEN THERE IS A SEWAGE SPILL
14 IS VERY HARMFUL, VERY COSTLY, VERY IRRESPONSIBLE AND
15 ABSOLUTELY, ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE. THE MISSION, AS YOU KNOW,
16 OF THE REGIONAL BOARD IS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE
17 BENEFIT OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS AND OUR BOARD HAS
18 MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS REALIZING ITS MISSION IN THE LAST
19 EIGHT YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN ON THE BOARD, BY MOST NOTABLY
20 ADOPTING WASTE WATER REGULATIONS THAT ARE CONSIDERED THE MOST
21 RIGOROUS IN THE STATE, IF NOT THE NATION. THE BOARD HAS
22 AGGRESSIVELY PURSUED ENFORCEMENT ACTION WHEN VIOLATIONS OF
23 FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT OR STATE PORTER COLOGNE WATER LAWS
24 HAVE BEEN FOUND. AS YOU KNOW, IN JANUARY OF 2006, THE SEWAGE
25 SPILL IN MANHATTAN BEACH RESULTED IN A 2.5-MILLION-DOLLAR



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1 SETTLEMENT FOR THE REGIONAL WATER BOARD AND THE COUNTY
2 SANITATION DISTRICTS. THE REGIONAL BOARD SUPPORTS AND
3 ENCOURAGES THE ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY
4 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION. IN
5 ADDITION, THE REGIONAL BOARD WILL IMMEDIATELY TAKE THE
6 FOLLOWING ACTIONS. NUMBER ONE, WE WILL AMEND OUR EXISTING
7 PERMITS AND WRITE FUTURE PERMITS TO REDUCE REPORTING TIMES
8 FROM A MAXIMUM OF 24 HOURS TO TWO HOURS AND WE WILL ELIMINATE
9 TERMS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO VARIOUS INTERPRETATIONS, SUCH AS "AS
10 SOON AS POSSIBLE." APPARENTLY, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NOT
11 LONGER THAN 24 HOURS HAS NOT BEEN SPECIFIC ENOUGH. THE
12 REGIONAL BOARD WILL REVIEW OUR EXISTING PERMITS AND WRITE
13 FUTURE PERMITS TO CLARIFY AND BROADEN NOTIFICATION. SO, IN THE
14 FUTURE, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO COMMUNICATE SPILLS WITH A
15 DIRECT COMMUNICATION TO A LIVE PERSON, NO LONGER WILL VOICE
16 MAIL OR EMAIL BE ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THIS DELAYS THE
17 REPORTING SOMETIMES, PARTICULARLY IF IT HAPPENS ON WEEKENDS.
18 THE REGIONAL BOARD WILL REVIEW MONITORING REPORTS AND
19 DATABASES OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS OF SPILLS TO IDENTIFY ANY
20 UNREPORTED SPILLS AND THOSE SPILLS WILL BE REPORTED TO OUR
21 ENFORCEMENT UNITS SO VIOLATORS WILL BE HEARING FROM THEM AND,
22 IF APPROPRIATE, WE WILL BE SENDING THIS INFORMATION ALONG TO
23 THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT,
24 BASED ON OUR IMMEDIATE PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF SOME SPILLS THAT
25 OCCURRED IN 2006, THAT THESE-- THAT THE DISCHARGERS APPARENTLY



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1 REPORTED, ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENTS THAT WE'VE REVIEWED IN
2 THE LAST FEW DAYS, 100% OF THOSE SPILLS TO THE OFFICE OF
3 EMERGENCY SERVICES. 70% WERE REPORTED TO THE COUNTY HEALTH
4 DEPARTMENT BUT THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECORDS THAT IT
5 ONLY RECEIVED 23%, SO THERE IS SOME-- OBVIOUSLY SOME
6 DISCREPANCY AND SOME BREAKDOWN OF COMMUNICATION THAT OBVIOUSLY
7 NEEDS TO BE LOOKED INTO. LASTLY, WE WOULD SAY THAT, IF YOU
8 DON'T HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TODAY AS TO WHAT HAS HAPPENED BY
9 THE VERY GOOD REPORT THAT YOU RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY
10 AUDITOR, WE WOULD URGE THE CREATION OF THE-- OF BLUE RIBBON
11 PANEL TO INVESTIGATE THE PROBLEM, WHERE THE BREAKDOWNS ARE AND
12 WE WOULD COMMIT TO WORK WITH YOU AS A PART OF THAT AND WOULD
13 LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT, IF YOU HAVE THIS BLUE RIBBON PANEL,
14 THAT IT ALSO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF STATE AND LOCAL ELECTED
15 OFFICIALS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL OF THE APPROPRIATE
16 REGULATORY AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL
17 ORGANIZATIONS. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO BUILD
18 ON A PARTNERSHIP THAT I HOPE THAT WE ARE BEGINNING TODAY BY
19 WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. OBVIOUSLY, IT'S OUR
20 JOINT RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH. WE THINK THE
21 PUBLIC DESERVES NO LESS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
22 YOU ON THIS VERY SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM.
23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS, FRAN. APPRECIATE IT. MIKI
2 JACKSON. WELL, THE OTHERS AREN'T SPEAKING. JAMES ALAMILLO. ALL
3 RIGHT, MR. ALAMILLO.

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5 **JAMES ALAMILLO:** I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
6 TO SPEAK TODAY. MY NAME IS JAMES ALAMILLO, REPRESENTING HILDA
7 BAY, NON-PROFIT ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO
8 CLEANING UP SANTA MONICA BAY WATERS, AS WELL AS SOUTHERN
9 CALIFORNIA COASTAL WATERSHEDS. WE'D JUST LIKE TO COMMEND THE
10 BOARD AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR INITIATING THIS REPORT
11 FROM THE GET-GO AND HAVING THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER LOOK INTO A
12 PROBLEM THAT WE'VE KIND OF BEEN DOCUMENTING OURSELVES FOR THE
13 PAST FIVE YEARS AND IT'S COMFORTING-- OR DISCOMFORTING TO KNOW
14 THAT THE RESULTS CONFIRM WHAT OUR CONCERNS WERE WITH REGARDS
15 TO PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION IN
16 ASSOCIATION WITH SEWAGE SPILLS. AND THEREFORE HILDA BAY
17 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS STATED IN THE
18 REPORT AND RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD ADOPT SUPERVISOR KNABE'S
19 RECOMMENDATION AND ALSO SUGGESTS THAT MAYBE THE COUNTY WOULD
20 WANT TO LOOK INTO WHAT THE CITY'S DONE IN REQUIRING-- THE CITY
21 OF L.A., THAT IS, IN REQUIRING THE CONTRACTORS WHO DO WORK FOR
22 THE COUNTY BE NOTICED AS FAR AS THEIR LIABILITY OR THEIR
23 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR WHEN THEY CAUSE SOME OF THESE SPILLS SO
24 THAT THE ONUS DOESN'T FALL ON THE COUNTY BUT IT FALLS ON THE
25 RESPECTIVE PARTY WHO CREATED THAT. AND THAT WOULD BE A HUGE



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1 STEP I THINK FOR A LOT OF THESE SPILLS THAT HAVE BEEN CREATED
2 BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T BEEN FROM CITY STAFF OR CITY AGENCIES,
3 THEY'VE BEEN FROM CONTRACTORS. AND, LASTLY, I WOULD JUST LIKE
4 A POINT OF CLARIFICATION FROM SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ABOUT THE
5 DATA THAT YOU'RE ASKING THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO-- I'M HOPING
6 THAT YOU'RE ASKING THEM TO INCLUDE THOSE SPILLS THAT WENT DOWN
7 THE L.A. RIVER AND THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER BUT JUST TO SEPARATE
8 THEM OUT FROM THE SANTA MONICA BAY WATERSHED.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S CORRECT. CORRECTLY AND
11 ACCURATELY IDENTIFY THEM. NOT TO CHANGE THE DATA BUT TO
12 CORRECTLY INTERPRET THE DATA.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, WHERE THEY WERE.

15

16 **JAMES ALAMILLO:** YEAH, OKAY, BECAUSE I DON'T EVEN WANT TO POINT
17 OUT THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT USE THE L.A. RIVER AND THE SAN
18 GABRIEL RIVER TO SWIM IN AND FISH IN.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ABSOLUTELY.

21

22 **JAMES ALAMILLO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO HAVING SAID THAT, I
23 JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND WE SUPPORT THE
24 MOTION AND THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR
2 YOUR GOOD WORK. MIKI?

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4 **MIKI JACKSON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS-- OR GOOD AFTERNOON.
5 I'VE BEEN HERE ALL DAY, LIKE, YOU. MY NAME IS MIKI JACKSON.
6 I'M FROM AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. WE HAVE AN ALARMING
7 SITUATION WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. I THINK IT'S AN
8 EMERGENCY. THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS FAILING ALL OVER
9 THE PLACE. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT THEIR FAILURE IN SYPHILIS.
10 THIS IS AN EMERGENCY. WE FIRST CAME HERE IN JULY BECAUSE OF A
11 REPORT ON JUNE 30TH THAT SHOWED A SYPHILIS EPIDEMIC. FIVE
12 MONTHS AFTER YOUR MOTION REQUESTING THEY TAKE ACTION, THE
13 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ON NOVEMBER 21ST, MADE A REPORT, A
14 REPORT. AT THAT TIME, WE ALSO SPOKE TO YOU AND WE SAID THAT
15 THAT REPORT, THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS WERE NOT GOING TO WORK. IT
16 WAS GOING TO TAKE MORE MONEY, IT WAS GOING TO TAKE A LOT MORE
17 SCREENING ON THE STREET RIGHT AWAY. WELL, IT'S NOW JANUARY
18 30TH, 2007, SEVEN MONTHS LATER, AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH
19 DEPARTMENT HAS FAILED ABYSMALLY. I HAVE HERE THE NUMBERS OF
20 FAILURE. THESE NUMBERS I GOT THIS MORNING. THEY'RE CURRENT AS
21 OF TODAY. THEY ARE ROUGH. THINGS LIKE LATER REPORTING MAY ADD
22 TO THEM OR CHANGE THEM. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SYPHILIS CASES IN
23 JUNE OF 2006 WERE 330. THE CASES TODAY ARE 1,293. THAT IS 960
24 CASES, FOUR TIMES MORE. WE ACQUIRED THREE TIMES MORE CASES
25 WHILE THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE TREATING



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1 THIS AS AN EMERGENCY AND DEALING WITH IT. OF THOSE CASES,
2 WOMEN MADE UP 47 CASES IN JUNE AND THAT WAS VERY ALARMING
3 BECAUSE WOMEN WERE JUST BEGINNING TO SPREAD TO WOMEN. TODAY,
4 THERE'S 173 CASES AMONG WOMEN. AMONG AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN,
5 THERE WERE 17 CASES IN JUNE. THERE ARE NOW 66. AMONG LATINO
6 WOMEN, THERE WERE 23 CASES IN JUNE. THERE ARE NOW 76. AND
7 AMONG H.I.V. POSITIVE PEOPLE, THERE WERE 123 CASES IN JUNE.
8 THERE ARE NOW 492. THAT'S 369 CASES THAT HAPPENED IN THOSE
9 SEVEN MONTHS. I WANT TO ASK THAT WE DECLARE AN EMERGENCY NOW,
10 THAT WE NOT WAIT FOR ANOTHER 1,200 CASES. AT THIS RATE OF
11 INCREASE, IT'S APPALLING. THE DEPARTMENT HAS PROVEN IT CAN'T
12 HANDLE THIS. THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY HAVE PAID FOR THAT
13 FAILURE, YOU ARE NOW OUR LAST LINE OF PROTECTION AND I
14 REQUEST, FOR THE SAKE OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN LOS ANGELES, THAT
15 YOU DECLARE IT A STATE OF EMERGENCY.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THERE'S NO
18 ONE ELSE WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM. THE PUBLIC
19 HEARING IS CLOSED.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD MOVE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5, AS
22 WELL AS YOUR POINT OF CLARIFICATION ON NOT CHANGING THE TOTAL
23 AMOUNT OF GALLONS BUT WHERE THEY WENT. IS THAT CORRECT?

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES AND TO ASK THEM TO COME BACK
2 WITH A CLEANED UP REPORT, WITH A REFINED, CORRECTED REPORT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT WE'RE STILL MOVING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5?

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES. AND THANK YOU, MR. KNABE, FOR
7 YOUR ZEALOUSNESS ON THIS, I APPRECIATE IT. I THINK WE ALL DO.
8 YOU AND I SHARE THE BAY AND ITS-- THESE ARE ISSUES THAT DON'T
9 RESPECT ANY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT OR EVEN A COUNTY BOUNDARY
10 AND THESE ARE IMPORTANT ISSUES AND I THINK THE RECOMMENDATIONS
11 WILL ADVANCE THE CAUSE, WITHOUT A DOUBT, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR
12 LEADERSHIP ON THIS. ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS
13 VOTE. WHAT ELSE DO WE HAVE? THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE AND
14 BEING PATIENT WITH US TODAY. ROGER, YOU DON'T HAVE A TRIAL
15 TODAY? I WON'T ASK YOU WHO YOUR CLIENT IS. THIS IS A "G" RATED
16 SHOW. PG. ALL RIGHT. THANKS, ROGER. GOOD TO SEE YOU. NEXT
17 ITEM?

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 69, AND WE ALSO HAVE ADJOURNMENTS.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH WAS STILL UP.
22 YOU'RE DONE? OKAY. MS. MOLINA? DO YOU HAVE ANY-- DO YOU WANT
23 ME TO GO AHEAD AND-- HERE SHE COMES. OKAY. MS. BURKE, YOU'RE
24 NEXT.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
2 OF MINNIE OLA ADAMS, A LONG-TIME L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT WHO
3 PASSED AWAY JANUARY 16TH. SHE WAS THE GREAT-GRANDMOTHER OF
4 CAMEO COLLINS, THE DAUGHTER OF CYNTHIA BANKS, DIRECTOR OF
5 COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER
6 MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND FRANK TAKASHIA, A
7 LONG-TIME L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 17TH
8 AT THE AGE OF 87. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS LOVING
9 WIFE AND CHILDREN, A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF BRAD PIE, JR. AND
10 PHIL RUTLEDGE, A PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ICON WHO PASSED AWAY ON
11 JANUARY 26TH. HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS ARE
12 LEGENDARY, FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLOMBIA TO
13 THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WHERE HE WAS VERY INVOLVED OVER
14 THE YEARS TO INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS
15 AND THE ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS AND HE SERVED THE FEDERAL-- A
16 VARIETY OF FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS
17 MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. MARCIA ITO ROGERS, LONG-
18 TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 15TH
19 AFTER A COURAGEOUS BATTLE AGAINST BREAST CANCER. SHE LEAVES TO
20 CHERISH HER MEMORY HER HUSBAND, SCOTT, TWO DAUGHTERS, AMANDA
21 AND MELISSA, HER PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. LEWIS ITO, ONE SISTER,
22 CONNIE, AND ONE BROTHER, VANCE ITO. AND PERCY FLOWERS ROGERS,
23 WHO WORKED WITH ME WHILE I WAS IN CONGRESS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
24 SHE SUFFERED FROM ALZHEIMER'S IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS AND
25 PASSED AWAY JANUARY 28TH AFTER A HEART ATTACK. SHE LEAVES TO



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1 CHERISH HER MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. I DON'T THINK
2 THAT ANYONE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF FATHER DRINAN.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WAS GOING TO. HE SERVED WITH US.
5 GO AHEAD.

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7 **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO JOIN. HE CERTAINLY WAS A
8 PERSON WHO MADE SUCH A CONTRIBUTION. AND DEMETRIUS PERRY, WHO
9 WAS KILLED WHILE PLAYING BASKETBALL AT CHARLES DREW MIDDLE
10 SCHOOL. HE WAS ONE OF 10 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WAS PLAYING
11 BASKETBALL WHEN A GROUP CAME IN. AND I'LL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE
12 MATERIAL ON THAT LATER.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. UNANIMOUS VOTE ON
15 THOSE. ITEM 69. I'LL CALL THAT UP.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 69. WE HAVE SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO
18 WISH TO BE HEARD, THREE, TO BE EXACT. I'LL CALL THEM UP.
19 JOSEPH VILLILAE, FRANK TAMBORELLO AND SUZAN POUR-SANAE.
20 JOSEPH, HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE YOUR LAST NAME? VILLILAE? OH,
21 IT'S AN "E". GOTCHA. ALL RIGHT. WHY DON'T YOU GO FIRST.

22

23 **JOSEPH VILLILAE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. SO THIS IS REGARDING THE
24 CALWORKS, THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSED BUDGETING WHICH HE PROPOSED
25 TO CUT A LOT OF FUNDING TO THE CALWORKS PROPOSAL. JUST A



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1 LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND, THE GOVERNOR BUDGET PROPOSAL WAS
2 BASICALLY TO DISMANTLE _____ OF CALWORKS PROGRAM
3 WHICH WAS SIGNED BY REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR PETE WILSON, A VERY
4 CONSERVATIVE INDIVIDUAL IN CALIFORNIA. IT WOULD INCLUDE
5 BASICALLY BACK THEN IT INCLUDED THE PRINCIPLE THAT CHILDREN
6 SHOULD NOT BE CARED FOR EVEN IF-- SHOULD BE CARE EVEN IF THE
7 PARENTS LOST DID NOT BASICALLY COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS
8 THAT WAS MEANT-- THAT WAS MANDATED BY THE CALWORKS PROGRAM.
9 FURTHERMORE, THE GOVERNOR PROPOSED BASICALLY WOULD ELIMINATE A
10 TO APPROXIMATELY 75,000 CHILDRENS. THIS NUMBERS CAME FROM
11 THOSE FAMILIES THAT WERE BASICALLY ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE TURNED
12 OUT AFTER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD THAT THE GOVERNOR IS PROPOSING.
13 FURTHERMORE, WE FEEL THAT THE CHILD ONLY CASES IN WHICH NOT
14 ONLY WILL AFFECT CITIZENS ONLY, MEANING THAT CHILDRENS WHOSE
15 PARENTS ARE UNDOCUMENTED WOULD BE TERMINATED BY THE PROGRAM.
16 THIS NOT ONLY INCLUDES THOSE PARENTS WHO ARE UNDOCUMENTED BUT
17 PARENTS WHO HAVE ACTUALLY COMMITTED OR WERE CONVICTED OF A
18 DRUG FELON AND ALSO HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD. AND SO WE FEEL
19 THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS IMMORAL AND IN ORDER FOR US TO ACTUALLY
20 HELP THESE FAMILIES, WE WILL ACTUALLY NEED TO INVEST FOR THEM
21 TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT, WE NEED TO INVEST-- WE NEED TO
22 INVEST IN THESE FAMILIES AND ALLOW THEM TO BECOME SELF-
23 SUFFICIENT BY PROVIDING MORE JOBS, BY PROVIDING MORE AID FOR
24 THEM TO ACTUALLY PAY FOR CHILDCARE, FOR ACTUALLY PAY FOR
25 HOUSING, FOR THEM TO PAY FOR FOOD AND SO THAT'S WHY WE ARE



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1 ACTUALLY IN SUPPORTING THE MOTION TO OPPOSE THE GOVERNOR
2 PROPOSED BUDGETING WHICH WILL ELIMINATE CALWORKS TO CHILDRENS.
3 THANKS.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. FRANK.

6

7 **FRANK TAMBORELLO:** HELLO AGAIN. I'M FRANK TAMBORELLO WITH
8 HUNGER ACTION LOS ANGELES AND WE ALSO AGREE THAT THE COUNTY
9 SHOULD SUPPORT D.P.S.S.'S OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED CALWORKS
10 CUTS. AND ONE THING I WANT TO MAKE THE COUNTY REALLY AWARE OF
11 ON THE GOVERNOR'S CUTS IS THE IMPACT IT'S GOING TO HAVE ON THE
12 COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO END HOMELESSNESS, FOR WHICH YOU JUST
13 APPROVED \$80 MILLION IN HOMELESS PREVENTION. ALSO WANT TO
14 RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNTY OPPOSE THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED
15 FREEZE ON THE COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE FOR CALWORKS. THE
16 GRANTS ARE SCHEDULED TO GO UP A LITTLE BIT THIS YEAR AND THE
17 GOVERNOR IS OPPOSING THAT. THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSALS ARE VERY
18 DESTABILIZING. IF PEOPLE ARE SANCTIONED WHICH CAN BE FOR
19 SIMPLY NOT BEING ABLE TO FIND A JOB QUICKLY ENOUGH, THE FAMILY
20 INCOME IN HIS PROPOSAL GOES TO ZERO. ANYONE CAN SEE THIS WILL
21 RESULT IN HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS. THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES GET
22 SANCTIONED EACH MONTH. WHEN PEOPLE'S INCOME GETS ZERO, THAT
23 COULD MEAN THOUSANDS OF EVICTIONS. WHAT BECOMES OF THE
24 COUNTY'S RECENTLY APPROVED 80-MILLION-DOLLAR HOMELESS
25 PREVENTION FUND IF IT IS COUNTERACTED BY CUTTING \$465 MILLION



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1 IN BENEFITS THAT LARGELY GO TO RENT? I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU
2 A CONVERSATION I HAD WITH A DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR'S IN
3 SACRAMENTO THIS LAST TUESDAY ABOUT THESE CUTS. SHE'S A DEPUTY
4 WHO WORKS ON SOCIAL SERVICE ISSUES. I TOLD HER, I SAID, "YOU
5 KNOW, CALWORKS FAMILIES, A LOT OF TIMES, DON'T KNOW WHAT'S
6 HAPPENING TO THEM UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE, UNTIL THEY'RE ACTUALLY
7 CUT OFF" AND SHE SAID, "YEAH, YEAH, WE NEED TO DO MORE
8 EDUCATION ON THAT END." I SAID, "SANCTIONS CAN'T WORK AS A
9 THREAT IF FAMILIES AREN'T AWARE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING.: SHE
10 SAID, "YOU'RE RIGHT, WE NEED TO DO MORE EDUCATION UP FRONT." I
11 SAID, "THERE'S JOB TRAINING BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE GETTING
12 TRAINED FOR JOBS THAT DON'T EXIST." SHE SAID, "YOU KNOW,
13 YOU'RE RIGHT, WE NEED TO DO MORE ABOUT THAT UP FRONT." SO THAT
14 THREE TIMES SHE ANSWERED ME SAYING MORE NEEDED TO BE UP FRONT
15 AND YET THEY STILL WANT TO GO AHEAD WITH THIS PROPOSAL. SO,
16 AGAIN, THE COUNTY HAS JUST INVESTED \$80 MILLION IN HOMELESS
17 PREVENTION AND THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL IS GOING TO ELIMINATE
18 \$465 MILLION WORTH OF BENEFITS AND IS CLEARLY GOING TO RESULT
19 IN A LOT OF EVICTIONS AND A LOT OF PEOPLE ON THE STREET. YOU
20 JUST HAD WEINGART CENTER COME UP ASK THAT YOU FOR MONEY TODAY.
21 HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU THINK ARE GOING TO COME ASKING YOU FOR
22 MONEY WHEN THESE FAMILIES START GETTING EVICTION NOTICE AND
23 THERE'S NO WAY TO PREVENT THEIR EVICTION AND THEY ACTUALLY END
24 UP PHYSICALLY ON THE STREET? SO, AGAIN, WE'RE URGING YOU TO
25 OPPOSE THE PROPOSED CALWORKS CUTS AND IN ADDITION TO OPPOSING



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1 WHAT'S LISTED ON THE AGENDA, TO OPPOSE THE GOVERNOR'S
2 SUGGESTION TO FREEZE THE COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE, WHICH HE
3 DOES EACH YEAR, HE PROPOSES THAT EACH YEAR. AND, AGAIN, THAT'S
4 JUST TAKING MORE AWAY FROM FAMILIES THAT ARE VERY NEEDY. THANK
5 YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUZAN.

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9 **SUZAN POUR-SANAE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE
10 REPRESENTING S.E.I.U. LOCAL 660 AND I'M GOING TO KEEP MY
11 COMMENTS VERY BRIEF. WE ARE HERE IN SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY
12 PARTNERS WHO WERE ABLE TO MAKE IT TODAY AND WE WANT TO MAKE
13 CLEAR THAT OUR POSITION IS IN LINE WITH THE C.A.O.S AND
14 D.P.S.S.'S, THAT WE OPPOSE THE CUTS TO CALWORKS BECAUSE THIS
15 IS REALLY AN ISSUE ABOUT CHILDREN, AS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
16 MENTIONED LAST WEEK. THIS IS NOT AN ISSUE ABOUT REPUBLICANS OR
17 DEMOCRATS OR GOOD POLICY OR BAD POLICY. THIS IS ABOUT
18 PUNISHING CHILDREN FOR THE MISTAKES THEIR PARENTS MAKE, TO
19 QUOTE PETE WILSON, WHO OPPOSED THESE KINDS OF CUTS IN THE
20 PAST. WE DON'T THINK CHILDREN SHOULD BE PUNISHED FOR THE
21 ACTIONS OF THEIR PARENTS AND THIS, IN EFFECT, IS WHAT IS
22 HAPPENING. AND THE RATIONALE IS TO ACHIEVE COST SAVINGS AT THE
23 STATE LEVEL AND TO FULFILL WORK PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS
24 WHERE THERE'S NO EVIDENCE THAT THIS WOULD ACTUALLY REDUCE THE
25 CASELOAD AND ACHIEVE THE DESIRED RESULTS THAT HAVE COME ABOUT



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1 THROUGH TANNIF REAUTHORIZATION. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE
2 RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORTH BY THE C.A.O. AND D.P.S.S. AND
3 OPPOSE THE CUTS TO CALWORKS. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE
6 WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD? IF NOT, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED.

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D JUST LIKE TO ASK A COUPLE QUESTIONS.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE. MS. BURKE.

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** OF THE DEPARTMENT. DOES THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL
13 ALSO INCLUDE A FREEZE ON THE COLA, THE CALWORKS COLA?

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15 **SPEAKER:** YES, IT DOES, SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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17 **SUP. BURKE:** SHOULD WE BE ALSO INCLUDING THAT OR IS THIS ALL
18 PART OF THE SAME PROPOSAL THAT-- AS FAR AS CALWORKS? SO IT'S
19 PART OF THAT THAT WE WOULD BE OPPOSING?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** AT THIS POINT, SUPERVISOR, OUR RECOMMENDATION WITH
22 THE C.A.O. DOES NOT ADDRESS THE COLA. YOUR BOARD HAS
23 HISTORICALLY NOT ADOPTED POLICY ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANT
24 LEVELS, INCLUDING COLAS. HOWEVER, IT'S CERTAINLY WITHIN YOUR
25 PREROGATIVE TO OPPOSE THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL SHOULD YOU WISH.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** WE DO NOT USUALLY TAKE POSITIONS ON THOSE, IS THAT
3 IT?

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5 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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7 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK ABOUT THE FOOD STAMP
8 ELIGIBILITY REPORTING. IS THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL SUGGESTING
9 THAT IT WOULD BE A SEMI ANNUAL REPORT? AND I'M TRYING TO
10 REMEMBER, DID WE ASK FOR THE QUARTERLY REPORT IN ORDER TO TRY
11 TO BE ABLE TO GET ADJUSTMENTS IN TERMS OF WHERE WE WERE ON THE
12 FOOD STAMPS?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THE GOVERNOR HAS PROPOSED IN THE
15 BUDGET TO IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM OF SEMI ANNUAL REPORTING FOR BOTH
16 CALWORKS AND FOOD STAMPS RATHER THAN THE CURRENT SYSTEM OF
17 QUARTERLY REPORTING.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** DID WE MOVE-- WAS QUARTERLY SOMETHING THAT WAS
20 SUPPOSED TO HELP US? I CAN'T RECALL, EXACTLY.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THERE ARE NUMEROUS BENEFITS OF
23 QUARTERLY REPORTING, ONE OF WHICH WAS TO REDUCE THE FOOD STAMP
24 ERROR RATE.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** OUR ERROR RATE, WHICH IS BETTER NOW, ISN'T IT?

2

3 **SPEAKER:** VERY MUCH SO, SUPERVISOR.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT. AND WE WERE ABLE TO DO THAT BECAUSE WE
6 COULD COME BACK AND LOOK AT IT AT QUARTERLY TIMES RATHER THAN
7 WAITING FOR SO LONG? WE WERE TRYING TO CORRECT OUR RECORDS.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** IT WAS ACTUALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE FOOD STAMP ERROR
10 RATE, THE OPPOSITE DYNAMIC, WHERE, UNDER THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY
11 REPORTING SYSTEM, THERE WAS AN OPPORTUNITY EVERY MONTH FOR A
12 PARTICIPANT OR THE COUNTY TO MAKE AN ERROR IN DETERMINING THE
13 AMOUNT OF FOOD STAMPS WHEREAS NOW THERE'S ONLY AN OPPORTUNITY
14 FOR AN ERROR ONCE EVERY THREE MONTHS.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** SO DOES THAT HELP US OR HURT US TO GO TO SEMI
17 ANNUAL?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** IN GENERAL, SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTING WOULD BE HELPFUL
20 WITH RESPECT TO THE FOOD STAMP ERROR RATE AS WELL AS MAKING IT
21 EASIER FOR PARTICIPANTS, PARTICULARLY WORKING PARTICIPANTS TO
22 RETAIN BENEFITS.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** SO MAYBE THAT'S ONE PART OF IT WE SHOULD MAKE SURE
25 THAT WE SUPPORT._



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2 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, THE COUNTY HAS PREVIOUSLY SUPPORTED SEMI
3 ANNUAL REPORTING. IT WAS A PROVISION IN A BILL IN 2006 THAT
4 THE COUNTY DID SUPPORT AND, BASED ON THAT HISTORY, IN CONCEPT,
5 WE WOULD SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL TO MOVE TO SEMI ANNUAL REPORTING
6 IN CALWORKS AND FOOD STAMPS SUBJECT TO THE APPLICABLE DETAILS
7 BEING ACCEPTABLE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I DO THINK THAT THAT SHOULD BE POINTED
10 OUT AS WE GO FORWARD. MR. CHAIRMAN? MR. MAYOR?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH?

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE ARE 40 STATES THAT ALREADY HAVE SOME
15 TYPE OF A TIME LIMIT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY AND THERE ARE 19
16 STATES THAT CURRENTLY SANCTION THE ENTIRE FAMILY. WHAT HAS
17 BEEN THE EXPERIENCE IN THOSE 59 STATES?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, THE RESEARCH LITERATURE, AS WE SHARED
20 WITH YOU IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST LAST WEEK, WITH RESPECT
21 TO FULL FAMILY SANCTIONS, DOES NOT SHOW THAT FULL FAMILY
22 SANCTIONS ARE ANY MORE EFFECTIVE IN PROVOKING WELFARE-TO-WORK
23 PARTICIPATION THAN PARTIAL SANCTIONS. WITH RESPECT TO FULL
24 FAMILY TIME LIMITS, THERE IS NO RESEARCH LITERATURE ON THE
25 RELATIVE EFFECTIVENESS OF THOSE TIME LIMITS IN MOVING PARENTS



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1 FROM WELFARE TO WORK. THERE IS SOME LIMITED EVIDENCE REGARDING
2 INCREASED HARDSHIP FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES FOLLOWING
3 THE IMPOSITION OF A FULL FAMILY TIME LIMIT IN TERMS OF
4 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS TO CHILD MALTREATMENT.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE RESEARCH CITED IS FOR 2002/2003, SO WHAT
7 ABOUT CURRENT DATA?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, THE RESEARCH RECITED WAS THE MOST
10 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEWS THAT CURRENTLY EXIST OF A WIDE RANGE OF
11 RESEARCH STUDIES. THERE IS A MORE RECENT REVIEW THAT WAS
12 ISSUED IN 2006 REGARDING THE IMPACTS OF FULL FAMILY SANCTIONS
13 WHICH COMES TO THE SAME CONCLUSION AS THE RESEARCH THAT WE
14 CITED FOR 2002 AND 2003.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THAT STATES EITHER
17 SANCTIONED PARTIALLY OR FULLY THOSE WHO WERE ON WELFARE?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** I'M SORRY?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE 59 STATES WHO ALREADY HAVE SANCTIONS
22 IN PLACE, SOME FORM OF SANCTIONS IN PLACE. WHEN WAS THE LAST--
23 WHAT WAS THE LAST YEAR THAT A STATE ENACTED A SANCTION?

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** THE LAST YEAR THAT A STATE WENT FROM A PARTIAL TO A
2 FULL FAMILY SANCTION?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO, WE HAVE 59 STATES THAT ALREADY HAVE
5 IN PLACE SANCTIONS, SOME FORM OF SANCTIONS. HAVE THEY ALWAYS
6 HAD THOSE IN PLACE? OR IS IT SOMETHING THAT THEY JUST
7 IMPLEMENTED THIS PAST YEAR?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** ALL STATES ENACTED SOME FORM OF SANCTION AND MOST
10 STATES ENACTED SOME FORM OF TIME LIMIT IN RESPONSE TO FEDERAL
11 WELFARE REFORM IN 1996. SINCE THAT TIME, SOME STATES HAVE MADE
12 CHANGES IN THEIR INITIAL POLICIES, WHILE OTHERS HAVE
13 MAINTAINED THE POLICY THEY ENACTED. I KNOW ANECDOTALLY THAT AT
14 LEAST ONE STATE DID ENACT A CHANGE IN ITS SANCTION POLICY IN
15 EITHER 2005 OR 2006 BUT, UNDER THE FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT
16 STRUCTURE FOR THIS PROGRAM, STATES ARE FREE TO MODIFY THEIR
17 POLICIES AT ANY TIME.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO CALIFORNIA WAS NEVER IN COMPLIANCE--
20 CALIFORNIA WAS THE ONLY STATE OUT OF THE 50 STATES THAT WAS
21 NOT IN COMPLIANCE?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** NO, SUPERVISOR. THERE IS NO FEDERAL REQUIREMENT TO
24 IMPOSE EITHER A FULL FAMILY SANCTION OR A FULL FAMILY TIME
25 LIMIT AND, AS YOU NOTED, THERE ARE NUMEROUS OTHER STATES THAT



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1 HAVE POLICIES THAT ARE THE SAME OR SIMILAR TO CALIFORNIA'S IN
2 THIS AREA. WITH RESPECT TO SANCTIONS IN PARTICULAR, ONLY A
3 MINORITY OF STATES HAVE FULL FAMILY SANCTIONS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING WE WERE THE ONLY
6 STATE THAT DIDN'T HAVE SANCTIONS.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** NO, SUPERVISOR. AS WE NOTED IN OUR RESPONSE WITH THE
9 C.A.O. AS WELL AS THEIR INITIAL MEMO, THERE ARE 30-- THERE ARE
10 ONLY 19 STATES THAT SANCTIONED THE-- FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IN 40 STATES, THEY HAVE PARTIAL
13 SANCTIONS?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THERE ARE 31 STATES THAT HAVE PARTIAL SANCTIONS, AND
16 CALIFORNIA IS ONE OF THOSE. IN CALIFORNIA, THE ADULT IS
17 SANCTIONED OFF OF THE GRANT. THAT'S THE CONSEQUENCE AND THAT
18 IS-- THERE'S A SIMILAR CONSEQUENCE IN 30 OTHER STATES.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PURPOSE OF THE WELFARE REFORM WAS TO GET
21 PEOPLE OFF WELFARE AND PARENTS WHO DIDN'T PARTICIPATE WERE
22 STILL RECEIVING WELFARE CHECKS FROM THEIR CHILDREN FOR 18
23 YEARS, SO TO COMPLY WITH THE REAUTHORIZATION, THE TANNIF
24 REAUTHORIZATION, THE BOARD MADE A SIGNIFICANT STAFF INVESTMENT



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1 TO INCREASE WELFARE TO WORK RATES, SO WHY WOULD FULL FAMILY
2 SANCTIONS AND TIME LIMITS NOT HELP THIS EVEN FURTHER?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** JUST TO SAY FIRST, SUPERVISOR, AS I MENTIONED LAST
5 WEEK, WE'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN REDUCING
6 THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING CALWORKS BY 50% SINCE THE
7 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM IN JANUARY 1998, WHICH IS CLEAR
8 EVIDENCE OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CURRENT DESIGN IN THE
9 PROGRAM. IN ADDITION TO THE NATIONAL RESEARCH LITERATURE, OUR
10 JUDGMENT IS THAT FULL FAMILY SANCTIONS AND FULL FAMILY TIME
11 LIMITS ARE NEITHER NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE INCREASED FEDERAL
12 WORK PARTICIPATION RATE REQUIREMENT NOR ARE THEY LIKELY TO BE
13 SUCCESSFUL. UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S OWN ASSUMPTIONS, ONLY ONE OUT
14 OF EVERY FOUR FAMILIES THAT WOULD BE IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSED
15 TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN WHOSE ADULTS ARE TIME
16 LIMITED WOULD PARTICIPATE IN SUFFICIENT WORK ACTIVITY FOR THE
17 CHILDREN TO REMAIN AIDED. THEREFORE, BASED ON THE GOVERNOR'S
18 OWN ASSUMPTIONS, FOR EVERY ONE PARENT WHO WOULD INCREASE THEIR
19 WORK ACTIVITY, THE CHILDREN IN THREE FAMILIES WOULD HAVE THEIR
20 ASSISTANCE TERMINATED. WITH RESPECT TO THE FULL FAMILY
21 SANCTION PROPOSAL, AS I AGAIN NOTED LAST WEEK, WE'VE BEEN VERY
22 SUCCESSFUL HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN REDUCING THE
23 INCIDENCE OF SANCTIONS BY 25% OVER THE LAST 15 MONTHS AND
24 THAT'S WITHIN THE STRUCTURE OF CURRENT STATE POLICY. RESEARCH
25 RECENTLY RELEASED BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE SHOWS A



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1 SIGNIFICANT INCIDENCE OF GREATER BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION IN
2 WELFARE-TO-WORK ACTIVITY AMONG LONG-TERM SANCTIONED
3 PARTICIPANTS THAT, AMONG THE CASELOAD AS A WHOLE, FOR EXAMPLE,
4 LOWER LEVELS OF EDUCATION, LOWER LEVELS OF PAST EMPLOYMENT,
5 HIGHER LEVELS OF HOUSING INSTABILITY AND A GREATER INCIDENCE
6 OF DISABLED FAMILY MEMBERS. SO WHAT WE KNOW IS THAT
7 TERMINATING CASH ASSISTANCE TO THE CHILDREN OF SANCTIONED OR
8 TIME LIMITED ADULTS WOULD CAUSE A SEVERE HARDSHIP FOR THOSE
9 CHILDREN AND THERE'S SCANT EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT
10 TERMINATING THAT ASSISTANCE WOULD RESULT IN INCREASED WORK
11 ACTIVITY BY THEIR PARENTS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. BURKE. I THOUGHT YOU WANTED...

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION WITH THE ADDITIONAL
16 COMMENT THAT IT WOULD BE IN OUR BEST INTERESTS FOR A SEMI
17 ANNUAL.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IN OUR BEST INTERESTS WHAT?

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** FOR THE SEMI ANNUAL RATHER THAN THE QUARTERLY AS
22 IT IS NOW.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE A SECOND? SECONDED BY
25 MOLINA. ANY OBJECTION?



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S ON FOOD STAMPS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO. I'M OPPOSED.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH WILL BE RECORDED AS

9 A "NO" VOTE.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU'RE EVEN OPPOSING THE SEMI-ANNUAL?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THAT'S 4-TO-1. (OFF-MIKE).

14 MR. ANTONOVICH. OKAY. THANK YOU, PHIL.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT ITEM. YVONNE, ARE YOU HOLDING

19 ANYTHING? DO YOU WANT TO BRING ANYTHING ELSE UP? IS THAT THE

20 ONLY ITEM WE HAD LEFT? WE DID NUMBER 11?

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I HAVE ONE ADJOURNING
2 MOTION. I DO WANT TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FATHER ROBERT
3 DRINAN, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHO DIED?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** FATHER ROBERT DRINAN, FORMER
10 MEMBER OF CONGRESS IN THE 1970S. I WORKED WITH HIM IN HIS
11 OFFICE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES EXTENSIVELY, HE WAS REALLY A
12 GREAT HUMAN BEING AND HAD GREAT COURAGE AND-- BOTH POLITICAL
13 AND OTHERWISE AND SO PERHAPS YOU AND I WILL DO IT JOINTLY. YOU
14 SERVED WITH HIM AND ALL MEMBERS WILL SIGN ON.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** WHEN YOU SAY HE'S COURAGEOUS, HE WAS A PERSON WHO
17 REMAINED OF COURSE IN THE PRIESTHOOD ALL OF THOSE YEARS HE WAS
18 IN CONGRESS, OFTEN TAKING POSITIONS IN SUPPORT, SOMETIMES IN--
19 DIVERTING FROM THEIR POSITIONS.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEP. OKAY. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC
22 COMMENT?

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE DO. I THOUGHT SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAD ONE
25 ADJOURNMENT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO. I THINK HER STAFF SAID SHE
3 DIDN'T. BUT IF SHE DOES, WE'LL-- (OFF-MIKE). DOLOREZ RAMOS.
4 DOLOREZ RAMOS AND BRENDA WILSON. MISS RAMOS, GO AHEAD.

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6 **DELOREZ RAMOS:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
7 DOLOREZ RAMOS, I'M HERE, I'LL START BY SAYING FIRST, THE MOST
8 CRITICAL ISSUE. MY CHILD SHOULD BE IN THE THIRD GRADE BUT HAS
9 ONLY ATTENDED THREE WEEKS OF FIRST SCHOOL, PHYSICALLY AND
10 VERBALLY ABUSED, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PRESCHOOL SINCE SEPTEMBER
11 2005. I SPOKE WITH EVERY CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT AT LAUSD TO
12 NO AVAIL. I WAS PROHIBITED FROM HOME SCHOOLING MY CHILD. MY
13 CHILD'S TIME EVERY DAY IS SPENT WITH RELATIVES WHILE I'VE
14 WORKED. I'VE DONE MY BEST BUT, WITHOUT THE PROPER BOOKS, IT'S
15 NOT THE SAME. MY CHILD IS NOT A SPECIAL NEEDS NOR DISABLED YET
16 CONTINUES TO SIT AT HOME THROUGH NO FAULT OF OURS. I CONTACTED
17 THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TWICE, NO RESPONSE. I USED THIS FORUM TO
18 NO AVAIL. AFTER PLAYING PHONE TAG, THE CALLS STOPPED. MY CHILD
19 HAS BEEN PLACED ON A WAITING LIST. PERHAPS HER NAME WILL REACH
20 THE TOP OF THE LIST WHEN SHE'S 18 YET NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND.
21 WHAT A JOKE. HOWEVER, I'M FOREVER THREATENED FOR HER NON-
22 ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOL AS IF I HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT.
23 SECOND GRADE ISSUE AND THIS AFFECTS ME. JANUARY 17TH, 2006, I
24 WAS RAPED AT THE WEST L.A. V.A. HOSPITAL. NEITHER THE V.A.,
25 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, SHERIFFS, I CONTACTED SUPERVISOR



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1 BURKE'S OFFICE, CONGRESSMAN HENRY WAXMAN, SENATOR FEINSTEIN,
2 BARBARA BOXER, NO RESPONSES. DIANE FEINSTEIN'S RECEPTIONIST
3 COMMENTED MAYBE I THOUGHT I WAS RAPED, THAT WAS MY ONLY
4 RESPONSE FROM THAT OFFICE. NEVER IN MY WILDEST DREAM DID I
5 THINK IT WOULD BE LIKE PULLING TEETH TO REPORT A RAPE CRIME.
6 EVEN THE F.B.I. AT WEST L.A., ALTHOUGH PERMITTED ME TO WRITE A
7 STATEMENT. THAT WAS THE END OF THAT. BECAUSE I WORK FOR THE
8 V.A., I KNOW HOW THINGS ARE COVERED UP, AS IF IT NEVER
9 HAPPENED. USING MILITARY LANGUAGE, EXAMPLE, GOVERNMENT THEFT
10 IS ALWAYS COVERED UP AS MISAPPROPRIATION OF GOVERNMENT
11 PROPERTY. I WAS LET GO FROM MY JOB BECAUSE I WOULDN'T LOOK THE
12 OTHER WAY. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ROSA PARKS CENTER FOR
13 ASSISTING ME WHEN THE V.A. COULD HAVE CARED LESS. I'M WILLING
14 IF NEEDED TO TAKE A POLYGRAPH WITHOUT AN ATTORNEY. THE MEDIA
15 WAS WILL NOT LISTEN WITHOUT A RAPE REPORT AND AN ATTORNEY WILL
16 NOT REPRESENT ME. WHAT OTHER AGENCY IS LEFT? NO RESPONSE FROM
17 WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. I WAS RETALIATED
18 FOR REPORTING PATIENT ABUSE, FEDERAL FEMALE EMPLOYEES DRESSING
19 PROVOCATIVELY, LISTENING TO RAUNCHY MUSIC, PREJUDICE DOCTORS
20 AND INTERNS, SEXUAL HARASSMENT WHICH WAS CONDONED BY MY MALE
21 SUPERVISOR.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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25 **DELORES RAMOS:** MM HM.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE NO OTHER PUBLIC
3 COMMENT, SO CAN WE GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT THIS TIME?

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
6 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
7 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS CS-2 AND CS-3,
8 CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSELING REGARDING EXISTING
9 LITIGATION, ITEM CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
10 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, ITEM CS-5,
11 CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE
12 POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SUPPORT SERVICES IN
13 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR MICHAEL J. HENRY, DIRECTOR OF
14 PERSONNEL, AND ITEM CS-6, CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD
15 PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA AND
16 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON JANUARY 30, 2007**

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

6 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Joe

7 Oronoz, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior

8 Court Case No. BC 334027

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10 This lawsuit challenges the constitutionality of the County's

11 Utility User Tax ordinance. During Open Session the Board

12 continued this item one week to February 6, 2007.

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14 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

15 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) County of

16 Los Angeles v. Aetna Casualty & Surety Co., Inc. et al.,

17 Orange County Superior Court Case No. 785435

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19 This lawsuit seeks payment of insurance proceeds for damages

20 to insured County buildings caused by the Northridge

21 Earthquake.

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23 ACTION TAKEN: The Board authorized its legal counsel to file

24 an appeal from the judgment of the Superior Court in the above



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1 referenced case. The vote of the Board was unanimous with all
2 Supervisors being present.

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4 CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

5 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Baber v.

6 County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC

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9 This is a lawsuit arising out of allegations of medical
10 negligence at Martin Luther King Jr. Medical Center. No
11 reportable action was taken.

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13 CS-4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

14 (Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

15 Significant exposure to litigation (one case)

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17 ACTION TAKEN: The Board continued this item one week to
18 February 6, 2007.

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20 CS-5. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957)

21 Interview and consider candidates for appointment to the

22 position of Director of Child Support Services. CONFERENCE

23 WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)

24 Agency Representative Michael J. Henry, Director of Personnel;



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1 Unrepresented Employees: Candidates for position of Director
2 of Child Support Services.

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4 ACTION TAKEN: The Board continued this item one week to
5 February 6, 2007.

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7 CS-6. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS (Government Code
8 Section 54957) Department Head performance evaluations.

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10 ACTION TAKEN: The Board continued this item one week to
11 February 6, 2007.

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